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Reversing Rolling Mill Engines for the New Cleveland Steel Works, Eston, England.

Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co. are now erecting at Eston, in the Cleveland district, a very extensive steel works. All the plant is of the most improved description, and the owners have taken unusual pains to avoid a common source of enormous loss in iron and steel works—the breakdown of machinery. To this end the whole of the plant is not only unusually strong and heavy, but is designed and finished with remarkable care. Messrs. Thwaites & Cartluff, of Bradford, have fitted up much of the machinery, and we have great pleasure in laying before our readers this week an illustration which may be taken to represent the most modern and improved type of heavy reversing mill engines to be found in Great Britain.

The engines in question are intended to drive a very heavy ingot cogging train. The cylinders are 36 in. diameter and 4 ft. 6 in. stroke. They are cast of a special mixture of very hard and tough iron, the average thickness of the

and 9 in. wide, fitted with gun metal brasses; the big end is of the marine type, with gun metal bearings, and 4 in. steel bolts with lock nuts, for securely holding the cap. The cranks are of the best hammered scrap iron, 11 in. wide at the boss, and 8 in. thick at the crank pin end, and have large balance weights forged opposite the cranks. The crank pins are of Krupp's steel, 9 in. diameter, collared and keyed into the crank boss, and riveted over into countersinks at the back of the crank. The crank shaft is of Krupp's steel, the journals being 13 in. diameter and 20 in. long, and it carries a pinion wheel 4 ft. 5½ in. diameter, 8 in. pitch, with twenty-one teeth, and shrouded on both sides to the top of the tooth, and 22 in. wide between shrouding.

The second motion shaft is also of Krupp's steel, with journals 10 in. diameter and 20 in. long, and carries a wheel 12 ft. 9 in. diameter, with 60 teeth, and 20 in. breadth of tooth, and weighing no less than 20 tons; both wheels are cast from a special strong mixture of cold-blast and other good brands of iron. The shaft has a boss on both ends to receive the coupling boxes; the valve motion is of the straight link

In 1779, a portion of Commodore Saltonstall's fleet, designed for the recapture of Ca-tine from the British, sailed up the Penobscot, and 10 of his vessels were blown up at Bangor. During the war of 1812 some 30 cannon from this fleet were raised and performed service. The remainder have remained in the river until the recent recovery of the cannon referred to.

Railway Servants.

In the course of the coroner's inquest as to the cause of the death of Mr. B. F. Woodworth, killed by an accident on the New York Central Railroad Dec. 9th, McGraw, the brakeman whose "carelessness" was supposed to have caused the accident, gave testimony substantially as follows:

He left Buffalo Friday night; was sent back by his conductor to flag the St. Louis express Saturday night, after having been on the road one week, from Sunday night until Sunday, without being in a bed, with nothing to eat from Friday at 5 p.m. until Sunday morning after the accident. McGraw went back to Looneyville in the terrible storm, found the

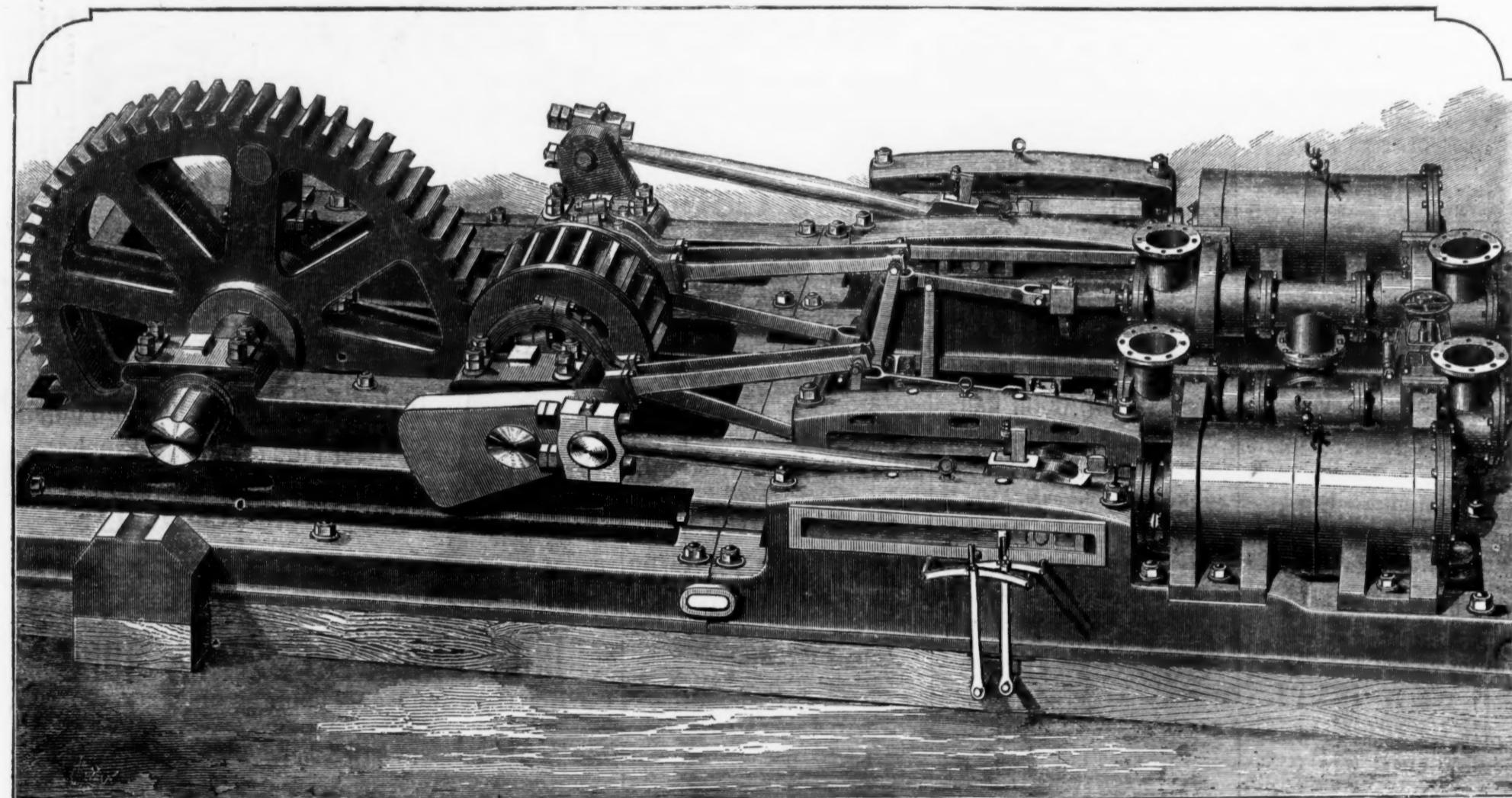
night; just had time to eat supper and then go out again. Our caboose was not a regular one, but an old emigrant car without curtains. If I had been looking out of the caboose window I could have seen the train. The lamps I had were lit at dark Saturday evening, and had been burning all that time. When I went in I thought I could see the train before it got there. The wind was blowing at a fearful rate, and it was very cold. Had been on the road five years; never had any complaint made against me before."

The World's Merchant Marine.

The New York *Daily Bulletin* publishes tables which show the mercantile fleets of the different nations of the world and the number of seagoing steamers, with the various nationalities to which they belong. The figures are of special interest to mercantile and business readers. No list of the lake and coastwise fleet of the United States is procurable, though it is believed to be the largest in the world. The late war had a disastrous effect on American shipping, and the depression of business since 1870

fallen off in ships since 1870, the number then being 3033; in 1871, 2674, and in 1872, 2015. There has been a slight increase in the tonnage since 1870, it having been then 545,607; in 1874, 509,767, and in 1876, 557,320. Sweden shows an increase of both ships and tonnage, while Italy has increased her merchant marine by 1206 vessels, with a carrying capacity of 384,506 tons. In steam vessels Great Britain is far ahead of the United States, having 1,711,225 more tonnage than in 1870, while we have increased 275,926 tons. For America the present figures are 605 steamers, 789,728 tonnage; for Great Britain, 3,290 steamers, 3,362,992 tonnage. Still, as before said, there are no means of ascertaining, with any degree of certainty, the statistics of our coastwise and lake steamers.

The Tomb of the Sultans.—The correspondent of a London newspaper writes: To the left I beheld a building, in the most sumptuous style of Turkish architecture—a circular edifice, domed, with pillars all of white marble, lighted by seven windows with richly carved and gilded lattices. Peeping through the grating, I saw a kind of front parlor laid with



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metal being 1½ in.; the steam ports have an area of 120 square inches. The valves are, it will be seen, of the piston type, with cast iron rings and steel springs.

The main pistons are Mather & Platt's patent, with packing rings 13 in. broad on the face. The piston rods are of Krupp's steel, 5½ in. diameter, tapered into the cross-head, and fixed to the pistons with collars, nuts and pins. The bottom steel bars are solid with the engine bed, and the top bars are of cast iron. The slide blocks are 23¾ in. long and 10 in. wide. The cross-heads are of cast steel, with wrought iron guides.

The bed plates occupy a floor space of 43 ft. 6 in. long by 17 ft. 3 in. wide. The beds are 12 ft. apart from center to center, and of 11 section, 1 ft. 9 in. deep in the shallowest place and 3 ft. 3 in. deep at the gearing end, 12 in. wide at the top and 1½ in. thick. The gearing sides of the beds are 20 in. wide and 2½ in. thick at top and 2 in. at the sides. The bearings are cast solid with the beds. The beds are each cast in two lengths, secured together with 3 in. turned bolts and hoops on lugs.

Each engine bed is held down to the foundations by twelve bolts, 3 in. diameter; the engine beds are joined together at the gearing end with a fender girder, and further connected together with a transverse girder at the joining of the beds. The connecting rods are of wrought iron, 11 ft. 3 in. long between centers, 9 in. diameter in the middle, 7 in. diameter at the crank pin end, and 6½ in. diameter at the piston rod end. The bearings at the small end of the rod are 6 in. diameter and 8 in. wide, and at the large end of the rod are 9 in. diameter

type, with three eccentrics and rods to each valve. The wrought iron eccentric rods are fitted with adjustable gun metal bearings at the ends. The pendulum links, with the weight bar shafts and lever, are of the best Yorkshire iron, and all the motion pins are hardened cast steel.

The reversing arrangement consists of a steam cylinder governed by a water cataract. The two valve boxes are connected together and up to a double-seat equilibrium steam valve, which is controlled by the engineman moving the handles outside of the engine bed. This valve can be shut off with a hand wheel, and answers for a stop valve. All the work is of the best material, extra strong, and from entirely new patterns.

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The foundation consists of a solid bed of concrete 19 ft. deep, the top being finished by a bed of Memel ashlar 3 ft. thick. The engine beds are planed true on the under side, and bolted direct on to this masonry—and not on oak beams, as shown in our engraving—by twenty-four 3 in. bolts, each 25 ft. long.

An Old Gun.—The Bangor (Me.) *Whig* says: An old piece of ordnance has recently been taken from the bed of the Penobscot River, at Bangor, where it has lain in undisturbed repose for 97 years. It is in a very good state of preservation, and passes into the hands of the Maine Historical Society for safe keeping,

station locked, and was nearly paralyzed; walked beyond Looneyville a quarter of a mile; stood by a caboose of another train half an hour waiting to be relieved; finally got into a caboose, his hands too cold to hold the lamp any longer, and the lamp was nearly extinguished.

While fixing the lamps, so they would burn as they should, he heard something coming, and when he got to the platform found it was the St. Louis express. He says: "Just then I went to the stove to pick up the lamps, when I heard an engine blowing off steam and passing by; I rushed for the platform, but the second engine had just passed; got down and shouted and swung my lamps as best I could, hoping that some one might hear or see me; no one noticed me. After that I followed on down to where the collision occurred; the men in the caboose were asleep; did not ask them to go out and flag for me. I was sure that from the chance I had to see from the caboose I could stop the train. Had an overcoat on, and a cap to protect my ears. When I went in the caboose my hands were so cold I could hardly hold the lamps; did not fall asleep while in there. Before I went back to flag the train I was nearly played out; had nothing to eat from 5 o'clock Friday evening until Sunday morning after the accident; had no sleep during the week, except the little I could get on the hard benches of an emigrant train. My conductor gave me 21 cents, and I went in a farm house and got two sausages and three or four pieces of bread; three of us eat that. Was not in bed from Sunday until Sunday—just a week. The last time we came in we had been on the road about 23 hours; that being Friday

has prevented the replacing of vessels, of which from 2000 to 2500 are lost every year, and about 2000 merchant ships are annually built. But the aggregate number of ships and amount of tonnage are greater than in 1874, though still less than in 1870. The United States has 7288 vessels, which is 419 more vessels than in 1874, and the tonnage is 2,390,521, an increase of 208,862, while Great Britain has 273 vessels less than in 1874, though their carrying capacity is 423,602 tons greater than two years ago. Her figures are 20,265 vessels, 5,807,365 tonnage.

Germany and France have both fallen off since 1870, the former having now 3456 vessels, against 5483 in 1874, though the tonnage is 875,995, an increase of 23,206 tons since two years ago; while the decrease of vessels is still greater since 1870, the number then being 4720, while the tonnage was 1,046,044, considerably larger, as will be seen by the above figures, than it is at present. France has now 3553 vessels, showing a small increase over 1874, when the number was 3780, but a decrease for 1870, when the number was 4963. In French tonnage there has been a decrease since both 1874 and 1870, the tonnage in 1876 being 725,048; in 1874, 736,636; in 1870, 801,828. Norway, the old nursery of seamen, shows an increase both in the number of ships and tonnage, the number in 1870 being 3652; in 1874, 4464, and in 1876, 4749; while the tonnage in 1870 was 989,882; in 1874, 1,349,138, and 1876, 1,410,903. Russia had in 1870, 1366 ships; in 1874, 1428, and in 1876, 1785; the tonnage in 1870 was 346,176; in 1874, 331,350; in 1876, 391,962; an increase since 1870 in both ships and tonnage. Spain is behind Norway and Italy to the number of her ships, and has

malting, and from the ceiling, daubed with floral designs in tempera by some Italian decorator, hung two or three tawdry glass chandeliers. A common English eight-day clock is a mahogany case stood silent in one corner. The horologe had need to be mute there. The place was a tomb, and as I peeped I saw a number of biers rising perhaps 5 feet from the ground, covered with embroideries of velvet and gold, or with the richest cashmere shawls, and surrounded by railings inlaid with mother of pearl. Scattered about were gigantic candlesticks of silver gilt, stands of rare wood, richly ornamented, to support the Koran; and at the head of one bier I could dimly see a faded fox cap with a plume and an aigrette which glittered with the sheen of diamonds. Beneath that sarcophagus molder the remains of Sultan Mahmoud II., the great reforming Sultan who slew the Janissaries and strove to Europeanize Turkey, leaving to his son Abdul Medjid, his grandson Abdul Aziz, and the other Caliphs whom you wot of, the hideous legacy of the Eastern question. Mahmoud lies here; and around him slumber the Sultana Valideh, his mother, his sisters and five of his daughters. They and the dumb English eight-day clock sleep very tranquilly together. But surely they should have put a sun-dial in this sepulchre. The rays glinting through the gilded lattices might have played strange tricks with the gnomon.

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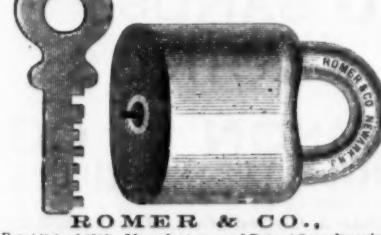
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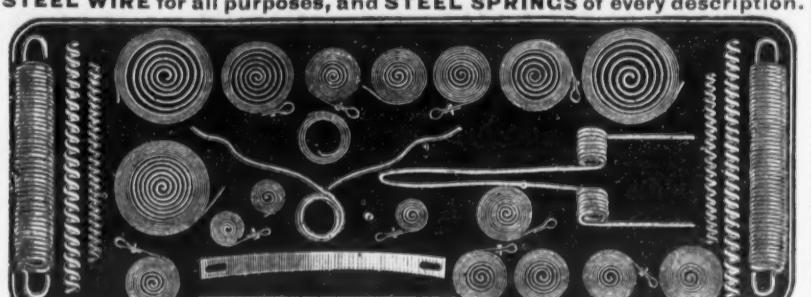


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The correspondent of the London Telegraph writes:

There is no hurry—the Mussulman never is in one—and we have ample leisure to contemplate the machine and the place it starts from. Observe the driver; he is duly provided with a three-legged stool to sit upon, and a wheel-brake similar to those supplied to his congeners, in London, Paris, New York and St. Petersburg—in short, wherever this tramway system flourishes. But not anywhere, save in Stamboul, would you behold such a Jehu as this—a tall, wiry man, with a hooked beak prominent at the prow of a Roman galley, a black leech-like moustache, and his hair shaved closely off his temples and forehead so as to give his flesh in those parts a bluish tinge, such as you may notice in some conscientious actors off the stage. Unconscious comedians do not shave their temporals and frontals, and are careless as to how their wigs may sit. The Turkish car driver wears a fez of the hue, say, of a tomato which has been run over by the wheel of an omnibus on a wet day, or of a pickled cabbage, the quality of the vinegar employed to preserve which has left something to be desired. Otherwise he is attired in a many-caped great coat of a dingy drab color, whose very fellow I have seen hundreds of times hanging outside the shop of a vamper of old clothes in Dudley street (late Monmouth street), Soho, London. You know the kind of coat. It is that which the old hackney coachmen used to wear, and a few four wheeled cabmen—usually the most drunken and the most absurd of their class—still affect, being called, if I do not err, sometimes a "wrap rascal," and sometimes an "upper Benjamin." In the name of wonder, how ever did this nearly obsolete garb find its way to the Golden Horn? Underneath the driver is a Turk; at least he wears baggy breeches and cross-gartered leggings. He is smoking a cigarette. To him enters his conductor, a coal-black negro in a caftan and pantaloons which should be of the color of the undriven snow, but the tint of which reminds you far more forcibly of snow after it has been on the ground for a week, or after a couple of chimney sweeps have had an up-and-down fight upon it. This man, possibly a Nubian, is terribly pitted with the small-pox; for the rest, he is friendly and as cheery as negroes generally are. To an amiable smile he instantly responds by grinning hugely, and at once invites me to take my place in the tramway caravan. It is as well to do so without further delay, since the machine is filling rapidly, and the seats are few while the passengers are many. Hanging on by straps from the roof is a practice as common in Stamboul as in the American horse cars, but for one very good and sufficient reason, you are not called upon some half a dozen times in the course of half an hour to give up your seat in order to accommodate a lady. This is that there are none in the car, and that there never will be until social reform in Turkey attains proportions the magnitude of which even the most advanced of the "jeune Turque" party shrink from contemplating. I notice that there is a door at the end of our car, which is being constantly opened and shut to give passage to the conductor as he collects the tickets. That portal leads to the ladies' compartment, and therein they sit veiled, but by no means up to the eyes. There are some with bundles, and there are others with babies, and, as rule, the majority of these fair wearers of the yashmak are giggling. To me there is no more beautiful sound in the world than that of the laughter of women; still, you have a natural desire to know what they are amusing themselves at. The giggling Turkish ladies are inscrutable. A volatile French friend of mine here assures me that les petites dames Turques always begin to laugh when they see a Frank, and if you pass a carriage with a pair of Turkish ladies in it, and blow kisses to them, the fair inmates invariably return them to you. I am afraid, however, that my informant is an inconsequential youth; and I, at all events, should dread to venture upon such pneumatic-osculatory telegraphy. Supposing that it turned out that I had waffled kisses to one of the wives of a Bimbashi, a Kalmakan, or a Zaptie? There is horror in the thought. That the conductor ever should have been permitted to go backward and forward in this compartment full of possible Kadins and Kalmakans puzzled me somewhat. To be sure he was black; and that fact may have had something to do with the immunity which he appeared—the burly rogue—to enjoy.

We started at last, the driver winding a most uncouth dirge on a horn. I looked around, and perceived, to my delight, that, with the exception of my companion, I was in exclusively Oriental company. There was not single "stove pipe" hat—day, nor a wide-awake, or a "soft felt"—beyond our own in the car; and on counting heads I discovered that even the fezzes were in a minority. The turbans "had it," at least five to four. I had an inkling, too, thus early of the remarkable social equality which tempers despotic institutions among this essentially democratic race—this people among whom, even as things now stand, the cakie or the cobbler to-day may entertain hopes of becoming Capidan Pasha or Grand Vizier to-morrow. Perhaps the turbaned gentlemen, fluttering in grimy rags, who set by my side in the tramway car, was thus destined to flourish as a Bashaw with three tails. He certainly looked as though a turn in the tide of his affairs would do him no harm. Next, on the other side, was a patriarchal personage with a long white beard, a pelisse lined with expensive furs, cashmere shawl, worth at least 100 guineas, round his ample waist, and a green turban. He was, so they gave me to understand, an Emir, a descendant of the Prophet. Fancy the Archbishop of Canterbury riding in

a tram car from the New-cut to Kennington oval.

Creating Commerce.

This country having found and supplied many foreign markets within a few years, and thereby contributed to the profitable employment of domestic industry, the restoration of commerce, the equalization of prices and general welfare, still needs more to consume an excess of some productions and furnish the material for new industries, or contribute that material in exchange for which we are now obliged to pay in coin. Recent facts point out one new outlet that cannot long pass unnoticed and unconsidered.

Fresh German statistics place the population of the world at 1,423,917,000, giving 824,000,000 to Asia, 309,178,000 to Europe, 199,900,000 to Africa and 85,000,000 to North and South America. The density of African population, estimated from many recent explorations, is accompanied by some other considerations. Central Africa, according to Commander Cameron's recent report, contains incalculable quantities of coal, iron, gold, silver and copper, great forests of nutmeg trees and of the oil palm scattered in every part, beside coffee and indigo. Labor is so cheap, owing to dense population and simple and abundant food, that all of these resources could be prepared for exchange at a very low price, and yet at one which would remunerate the natives. The only existing business with the coast is transacted by porters and confined to ivory and slaves, in exchange for guns, cloths, cutlery and the simplest fabrications. The Nile forms an inlet from the north, the Zambezi from the east and the Congo from the west. They are all navigable, and their sources can be readily united by 30 miles of easy canal. The Congo is the shortest route, and reaches the densest population in 800 miles of travel and then joins the mysterious Luabala. There is steam along the coast, on the Nile and on Lake Nyassa; and an attempt is being made to introduce it upon Lake Tanganyika. This will eventually reach the dense interior Mohammedan population, and so soon as such a route is opened travel and trade will commence, and trade will expand wonderfully and instantly, as well from the wants of the natives as from those of the world.

Here, then, is a field for our commercial enterprise as near and desirable as India was to the first companies of French, Portuguese, Spaniards and English; from which the latter country having derived incalculable wealth, has gained the latest brilliant in her crown. There is no prior occupation. Italy has an exploring expedition there; and Belgium, enticed by the \$10,000,000 English importation of palm oil notwithstanding difficult transportation, is seeking a share of the trade. Access to all the western coast is very easy to us and speedier than access to many parts of Europe. We have a languid trade on all the coasts—north, east and west. The greater—that which comports with the area of the land, the variety of its productions, the density of its population and the nature of their wants—this must be created. Our opportunities are now as good as those of any country. They must be improved at once, or, if delayed, they will be divided with, if not controlled by, more enterprising lands. The opportunity presents itself with knowledge at the instant when, having brought our currency near to par, we are better prepared to do that which is immediately expedient and of great subsequent value than we have been for years. We can, at the utmost, gain but a moderate share of European trade, and that is not altogether in our favor. We are at a disadvantage in Australia; all Asia is ministered to by Europe, east, south and west; South America is a limited theater and partly held by Europe. In Africa, with this dense population and such capacities for trade, we have as yet no formidable rivalry. Great Britain is endeavoring to seize the coast and so control the interior, but has not yet done so. We may by resolute and timely action send our flag to the interior, open or improve routes of travel and derive an advantage that is not offset by countries long provided with commerce. The attempt would not be expensive and its success would be of more use than many international medals. —North American.

Pennsylvania and the Centennial.—In a preliminary report to the Legislature, the Pennsylvania Board of Centennial Managers publish several tables comparing the work of citizens of Pennsylvania with that of the citizens of other states—"not for the purpose of disparaging other states, but as a simple act of justice to our own Commonwealth." The individual subscriptions to stock of the Board of Finance, made by Pennsylvanians, amounted to 187,218 shares, upon which \$1,749,468 was paid, while the total number of shares subscribed was 245,578, upon which \$2,278,950 was paid. Philadelphia appropriated \$1,575,000 to the Exhibition, and the State Legislature \$1,110,000, making the total contributions from Pennsylvania (including \$50,000 donations), \$4,484,468. Adding to the appropriation of \$1,500,000 by the United States government, \$300,000 appropriated by other States for the erection of State buildings and the display of State products, and \$529,482 paid by citizens of other States on account of stock of the Board of Finance, the whole is but little in excess of one-half of Pennsylvania's contribution. There were exhibitors from Pennsylvania in every department of the Exhibition, the total number being 3049. They were distributed as follows: Department of Agriculture, 934; of manufactures, 836; of machinery, 529; of education and science, 270; of art, 243; of mining and metallurgy, 161; of horticulture, 57. The report simply states that Pennsylvania largely exceeded every other State in the number of exhibitors and the variety of their exhibits, but gives no comparative data.

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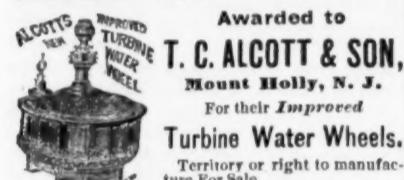
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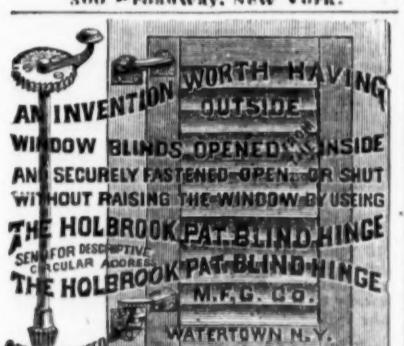
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Experimental Determinations of the Combustibility of Blast Furnace Gas.

BY EDWARD BELAIN.

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It is well known that by a greater quantity of limestone flux an increased smoking of the furnace is observed. The blowing out of the furnace No. 1 in Schwechat gave me an opportunity to experiment in that direction. To accomplish the blowing out large quantities of limestone were used, and the gas smoke was, therefore, necessarily more dense. I expected to observe its effect on the combustibility of the gas, and, further, I desired to know in what manner the greater percentage of carbonic acid would influence the combustibility of the gas. Thirdly, at what depth in the furnaces the liberation of carbonic acid from limestone would commence.

Three analyses of the gas before the commencement of the limestone charge gave the same result:

Carbonic acid..... 6.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 29.5 " "
Nitrogen..... 64.0 "

The gas smoked little, and burnt well with the usual amount of added fuel. After being cleared in the gasometer it burned with a beautiful blue flame. The iron was deep gray; the slag short and dry.

The combination of the charge was: 2500 kilos ore, 300 kilos lime, 50 kilos iron to 1800 kilos coke.

At 2 p. m. 5000 kilos of coke were charged, the height of this charge being 0.95 meter. An hour afterward the limestone charges commenced, and were finished at 5 p. m. They consisted of 40,000 kilos limestone.

Gas analysis. 1.—5 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 4 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 35 " "

The gas had not been materially changed; the lower strata of the limestone was already 4.58 meters below the top of the furnace. As the fusion progressed the charge descended with a rapidity of 0.2 meter an hour.

2.—7 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 3.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 33.5 " "

The gas had not much smoke and burnt quite well; limestone charge 4.93 meters below the top.

3.—9 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 3.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 34.5 " "

Gas burned fairly well, some scintillations appearing; limestone charge 5.39 meters below the top.

4.—12 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 2.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 35.5 " "

Gas smoked some, but burned very well; limestone charge 6 meters below the top.

5.—July 6, 6 a. m.

Carbonic acid..... 1.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 33.5 " "

Gas commenced to smoke strongly, and burned badly. Limestone charge 7.21 meters below the top.

6.—8 a. m.

Carbonic acid..... 1.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 31.0 " "

Gas smoked heavily, and burned very badly by a strong fire. After being cleared in the gasometer it burned well; limestone charge 7.92 meters below the top.

7.—10 a. m.

Carbonic acid..... 4 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 30 " "

Dense volumes of smoke in the gas. The precipitates on the top of the furnace and flues snow-white. The gas did not burn at all; cleared in the gasometer, it burned well.

8.—12 m.

Carbonic acid..... 2.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 32.5 " "

Dense smoke; gas burned very badly or not at all; limestone charge 8.43 meters below the top. At this time the descent of the burden was noticed.

9.—2 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 4.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 27.5 " "

A great deal of smoke and continued bad combustibility; limestone charge 8.83 meters below the top.

10.—6 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 4.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 27.5 " "

Conditions similar to former. A mass of heavy white dust was precipitated; iron dark gray; slags short and dry; limestone charge 10 meters below the top.

11.—8 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 4.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 27.5 " "

Similar appearances; limestone charge 10.57 meters below the top. It had now reached the boshes, and its rapidity of descent was 0.68 meter an hour.

12.—10 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 3.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 28.5 " "

Conditions similar; limestone charge 11.15 meters below the top.

13.—12 p. m.

Carbonic acid..... 3.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 29.0 " "

The gas did not burn; limestone charge 11.73 meters below the top. It had now reached the boshes, and its rapidity of descent was 0.68 meter an hour.

14.—July 7, 6 a. m.

Carbonic acid..... 0.5 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 27.5 " "

Nitrogen..... 72.0 "

The smoke was considerably lessened and the gas burned a little better with scintillations.

Limestone charge 15.82 meters below the top and about 2.5 meters above the tuyeres.

15.—8 a. m.

Carbonic acid..... 0.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 28.0 " "

Nitrogen..... 72.0 "

Very little smoke; gas burning with scintillations; limestone charge 17.19 meters below the top, and 0.88 meter above the tuyeres.

16.—9 a. m.

Carbonic acid..... 0.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 30.0 "

Smoke less; gas burning well without scintillations; limestone charge 18.18 meters below the top. Three tuyeres on one side were found to be out of use; the limestone charge had reached them.

17.—11 a. m., furnace working with three tuyeres only.

Carbonic acid..... 2.0 per cent.
Carbonic oxide..... 30.0 "

Dense smoke in the gas, which did not burn any more. At 12 m. the limestone charge had reached the other three tuyeres and the blowing was discontinued.

Each of the above was the mean of three successive analyses. But the composition of the gas remained the same, no matter if taken from the top of the furnace, from the stove or from the boiler pipes. The gas was partly tested with the Orsat apparatus, and partly with the gasometer.

A careful consideration of the results demonstrate that the combustibility of the gas stands in a direct ratio to the appearance of the white smoke. If the smoke grows denser the burning capacity of the gas decreases, and vice versa. I further observed that the quantitative composition of the smoke exercises no great influence on its combustibility, except it be accompanied by the depressing effects of the alkaline smoke. Cleared in the gasometer, gas containing 6 to 9 per cent. of carbonic acid burns equally well by any pressure as gas which contains no carbonic acid. I think I am justified, therefore, in saying that the appearance of the white smoke and dust decreases the combustibility of the gas.

In conclusion, I will attempt to answer the second question. What is the origin of this dust?

The blowing out of the blast furnace gave me a favorable opportunity to offer a tangible basis to my vague suppositions in that regard. During the process it was easy to collect larger quantities of the freshly precipitated white dust and subject the same to an analysis, with the following results:

Silicon.....	27.77 per cent.
Lime.....	37.12 "
Magnesia.....	4.98 "
Alumina.....	26.58 "
Protioxide of manganese.....	" "
Sulphur.....	3.15 "
	99.60 "

The similarity of composition between this dust and the one obtained from the blast stoves is apparent, with the exception of the high percentage of sulphur, which is wanting in the latter. Yet this circumstance may be accounted for by the large percentage of sulphur contained in the coke used.

According to its composition, this dust appears to be neither limestone nor furnace material; the large amount of silicon seems to contradict such a supposition. If cinders of coke were present, traces of iron would necessarily be found, but this is not the case. Again, if it were a mixture of these three substances, the chemical composition would not be so constant. It possesses the greatest similarity to a strongly basic slag. In the formation of a slag—a silicate—a very intimate fusion of materials is needed. But, then, how is this fused mass again transformed into a pulverulent state, in which form we find it suspended in the gas? This question found a very surprising, yet plausible, explanation.

The slag at the last tapping of the furnace showed a very singular behavior. It was fully fused, of a greenish gray hue on the surface, conchoidal and light gray in the fracture; as the cooling commenced a very peculiar phenomenon took place. There arose a stormy commotion on the surface, commencing on the borders and gradually extending over the whole piece. It was as if it had suddenly been gifted with life. The result of this process was a fine gray-white powder and a strong smell of hydrocyanic acid.

Wishing to see if the moisture of the atmosphere was not the cause of this singular phenomenon, I took a piece of the slag and left it to cool under the excavator over concentrated sulphuric acid. The same again took place. An analysis of the dust is:

Silicon.....	24.39 per cent.
Lime.....	34.41 "
Magnesia.....	5.81 "
Alumina.....	23.07 "
Protioxide of manganese.....	2.77 "
Sulphur.....	9.19 "
Iron.....	slight traces.
	99.98 "

In this case the large quantities of lime used to blow the furnace out make it quite possible that a silicate so supercharged with lime might be formed, but how are we to account for its appearance under the usual working conditions of a coke furnace? It is undisputed that the formation must take place even then, as is proved by the white dust taken from the blast stoves.

The following may offer the most probable explanation: By the unequal distribution of the limestone flux it may occur; that in some places the limestone is thrown in sufficient quantities to permit the formation of such a slag; but the question, How is, by the high temperature of the blast furnace, the slag, after fusion, again reduced to a pulverulent state? I am not able to answer as yet.

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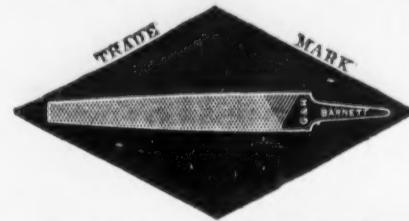
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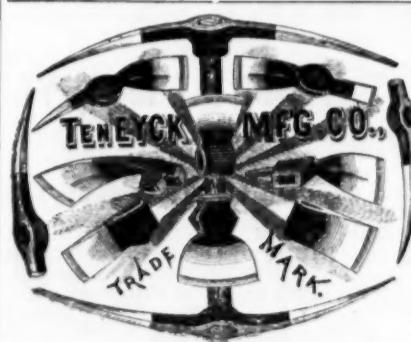
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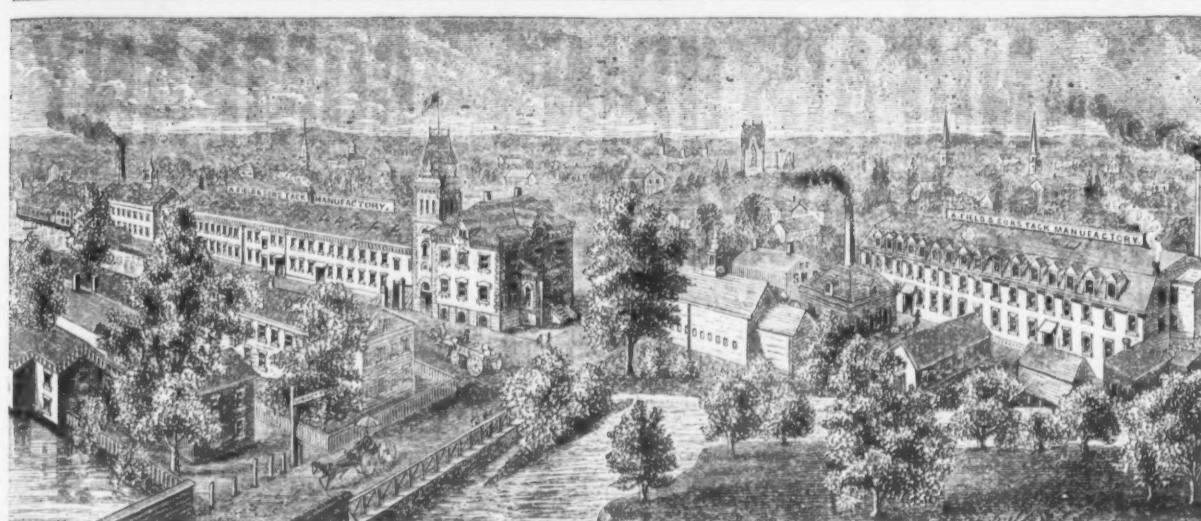
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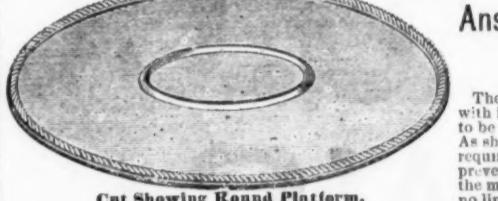
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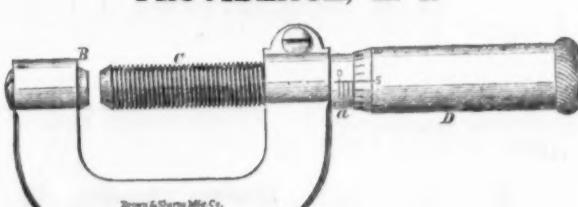
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Steam Navigation on the Pacific Coast.

A writer in the San Francisco Chronicle gives the following historical facts respecting the early history of steamboating in California, which will be of interest to all who have watched the steam engineering progress of the past half century:

As a factor of California's commerce, the steamboat is an institution of but a quarter of a century's standing. Its smoke first thickened the vapors of the bay in 1847 from the modest little craft built on the coast of our northernmost possession. In an early publication, under date of October 26, 1849, we read: "Steam communication is just beginning to be adopted in the bay and its upper waters." The "Annals of San Francisco," written some years later, commenting on this fact, says: Just two years before this time William A. Leidesdorff had attempted to run a small steamboat, about the size of a ship's jollyboat, which had been procured from the Russian settlement at Sitka. But this vessel, in February, 1848, was sunk in one of the severe northerns that visit the bay, and no steps had been taken to renew the experiment until some time after the gold discoveries made its success certain. Then speculators sent out many proper vessels from the Atlantic States. The Pioneer, a little iron steamer brought out in pieces from Boston, sailed upon the waters of the Sacramento River about a month from this date, and, being the first that had ever penetrated so far into the interior, deserves the title she had assumed. On the 9th inst. the small iron steamer Mint had a trial trip, which was highly satisfactory. She was intended to ply between San Francisco and the towns on the upper waters. This day the propeller McKinn left for Sacramento. Before this time voyages across the bay and up the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers were made in schooners and launches. These vessels were often detained a week or ten days in sailing that distance, which the steamer now accomplishes in half a day. Both the steamers mentioned sailed each alternative day from San Francisco, and on the intervening days left Sacramento for the return passage. The first charges were \$30 cabin and \$20 deck. If berths were used, \$5 extra. Meals on board, \$2 each. The well known steamer Senator was shortly afterward placed on the same station, and the Mint withdrawn and placed on another. This was the beginning of a very great increase of the transit trade of the bay. Later years have sent numerous large, well appointed and beautiful steam vessels, which have still further developed the interior water traffic and added immensely to the resources of the country.

There is no more tragic page in California's history than that relating to the steamboat. Since the completion of the transcontinental railroad the importance of the institution has declined to a secondary rank. In the days of early California it was of paramount importance, being the only link between the adventurer and a distant home in the East, and the carrier by which the would-be adventurer reached the land of promise. The age was prodigal of life in the pursuit of wealth. Men injured to hardship and danger counted them for naught in the race. Life was nothing, gold was everything. Opposition was the spice of their lives, adventure the sauce, gold the substance. The rush of travel was prodigious. The steamer proprietors cared little for the destruction of life if they only succeeded in landing their passengers a day or an hour ahead of the rival boat, since the bulk of the travel would thus be assured to them. The passengers cared little for the danger so that they only got first to the mines. The steamers, generally old worn-out craft picked up in a hurry and impressed into a service for which they were never adequate, could not stand the prodigious strain of this traffic. They were constantly making the most tragic of ends. The river and bay craft collapsed under the frightful strain, making frightful havocs among their passengers. The ocean-going steamers suffered shipwreck amid the storms and rocks of our perilous coast. The tragic disasters to each class are sufficient for a separate chapter. The present article has to deal with the mishaps of the former class.

Of the steamers whose names were familiar as household words in the early years following the discovery of gold, only one remains, the New World. She survives, the patriarch of pioneer craft, the sole survivor of her generation, and this only by being patched up, mended and rebuilt after repeated sinkings by snagging, collision and explosion, until, to borrow an old saying, it may with much show of truth be said of her that nothing of the original craft remains except the hole in her smokestack. The model of her hull has, however, been preserved, and enabled her to retain the reputation of being the fastest steamer in the bay, earned in the early days when racing was the rule. It must not be expected that the present article will contain a detailed account of all the disasters of the kind spoken of. To do so would fill an entire number of the Chronicle. The period was prolific of them. Sometimes two occurred in one day on the bay or the inland waters. Two or three a week was not an uncommon rate of destruction. Hence, only the most tragic of these disastrous occurrences can be mentioned. First in chronological order is the disaster to the Sagamore, a small steamer plying between this city and the interior riparian towns. On the afternoon of October 20, 1850, the Sagamore, while on the point of leaving her wharf for Stockton, exploded her boiler. Her decks were crowded with people bound for the mines, and great was the havoc. The succession of great fires which befell this city in the six years succeeding this date destroyed nearly all the contemporaneous records of the disaster. The existing records that are accessible are discouragingly laconic. They merely state that "thirty or forty persons were killed." In these days people had more important concerns than the recovery and identification of scalped, blackened, disfigured human remains, with whom they had no acquaintance in life and no concern in death.

One of the fiercest rivalries of early days was that for the trade and travel on the river above Sacramento. The steamer Jack Hays, one of the earliest on our inland waters, was overhauled and repaired early in 1853, expressly for this route, after which she took her place under the name of the R. K. Page, as an opposition boat to the Gov. Dana. She started on her first trip under the new order of things on the 22d of March. The Gov. Dana was going up the river at the same time. The proprietors of the boats felt that much depended on the result of the trip, and each resolved that his boat should get to Marysville first. To this end the engineers were duly instructed. Instead of wood or coal, large quantities of oil, pitch and tar, were laid in for fuel. Thus provided, the two steamers cast off and steamed up the river in a desperate race. The crews, fired with a pride in their respective boats, did all they could, and the passengers becoming interested and excited, crowded the decks, watching and cheering on the race, probably thinking nothing of danger, or if they thought, little heeding so that their craft came out ahead. Meanwhile the engineers were below, intent on gaining the race, and the firemen cramming the glowing furnaces of the quivering vessels with fuel. Some distance out it was noticed that the Dana was gaining slightly on the rival craft. The firemen of the Page rolled forward a cask of oil, broke it hurriedly open and emptied it into the flaming furnace. Another and another followed. The vessel took a fresh impetus; and thrashing at every joint of her frame, hissing at every fissure of her red-hot boilers, leaped forward, while her passengers cheered to see her gaining on her rival. Suddenly, as she was passing Nicolaus and closing upon the Dana, she gave a heave, followed by a rush of steam and a crash. Her boiler had exploded, and was driven ahead, demolishing the entire forward part of the boat in a moment. At the moment of the explosion, Daniel Moore, the former captain of the boat, Thomas Kirby and Lieutenant Henry Moore were standing on the hurricane deck, near the pilot house. Nothing was ever more seen of either of them. Next came the appalling disaster to the Jenny Lind, a small steamer running between this city and Alviso, the point of embarkment for passengers to San Jose. The Lind took a pleasure party of 125 persons, many of them women and children, for an excursion to San Jose on a Saturday afternoon. On the Sunday morning following, April 11, 1853, she started to return. The day was fine and the party enjoyed the trip. About noon lunch was spread in the cabin, and the gay party gathered round the board with music, laughter and merry chatting. They were scarcely seated when the boiler exploded, tearing open the partition between it and the dining-room, and the festive party was instantly enveloped by the scalding steam which rushed in. The door of the cabin (it had but one outlet) was narrow, and in the consternation of the moment many of those who escaped being injured by the splinters and fragments of the boiler were unable to escape before they were fatally scalded. When the steam cleared away the cabin presented a frightful scene. What had a moment before been a banquet hall was now a chamber of ruin, heaped with the dead and echoing the agony of the maimed. Women gasping in the death agony clasped the lifeless forms of their babes in their arms, and strong men were prone to death. One group was found in a corner. It consisted of Noah Ripley, a pioneer merchant, his wife and their three little children, all dead. In another place lay the body of a young man named William Bell, one of the survivors of the terrible disaster which terminated the career of the old ocean steamer Independence. He had landed but a day or two before from that scene of death by fire and flood to perish thus. Among the victims was C. A. Shelton, the pioneer horticulturist of this coast, who had just returned from the East, and was following his favorite vocation at San Jose, under the patronage of Commodore Stockton. The number who died from this disaster to the Lind was 31.

On the 18th of October, 1853, California had two disastrous steamboat explosions in one day. The unprejudiced reader will probably acknowledge this to be a promising rate of destruction for a population which did not have 20 steamers afloat. The enterprising people of 1853 attained this premium rate, and did not make any demonstration about it. They were not a particularly boastful people. They did not get wild about it and rush down to the newspapers and block up the streets to read the bulletin boards. They did not send out reporters and get out extras with big, black letter headings and diagrams of the explosions and names of the killed and wounded, and interviews with the dying engineer. Not they! They simply stated the fact with a skillful type and a little heading of one line, that yesterday morning (October 18) the steamer American Eagle, on her way from Stockton to this city, when opposite the locality known as the Three Sloughs, exploded her boiler, blowing the forward part of the boat to atoms, killing one of the crew and three passengers, and wounding eight others. It was also mentioned that the steamer Stockton, bound from this place to Stockton, collapsed her boiler just after passing New York Landing, about 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the same day, whereby one was killed and six others severely scalded, one of whom, Capt. J. B. Sharp, of Stockton, died on the following day, of his injuries. That was all they said, these brief abstracts and chronicles of their time. On Sunday morning, January 8, 1854, the little steamer Ranger, 305 tons burthen, running as a ferry between this city and Alameda, while crossing from this city, exploded her boiler. Her decks were crowded with people bound for the mines, and great was the havoc. The succession of great fires which befell this city in the six years succeeding this date destroyed nearly all the contemporaneous records of the disaster. The existing records that are accessible are discouragingly laconic. They merely state that "thirty or forty persons were killed." In these days people had more important concerns than the recovery and identification of scalped, blackened, disfigured human remains, with whom they had no acquaintance in life and no concern in death. (Continued on page 11.)

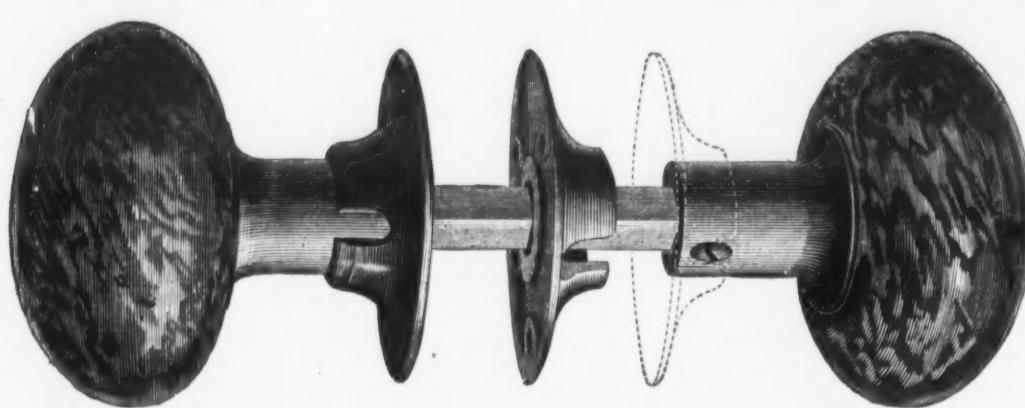
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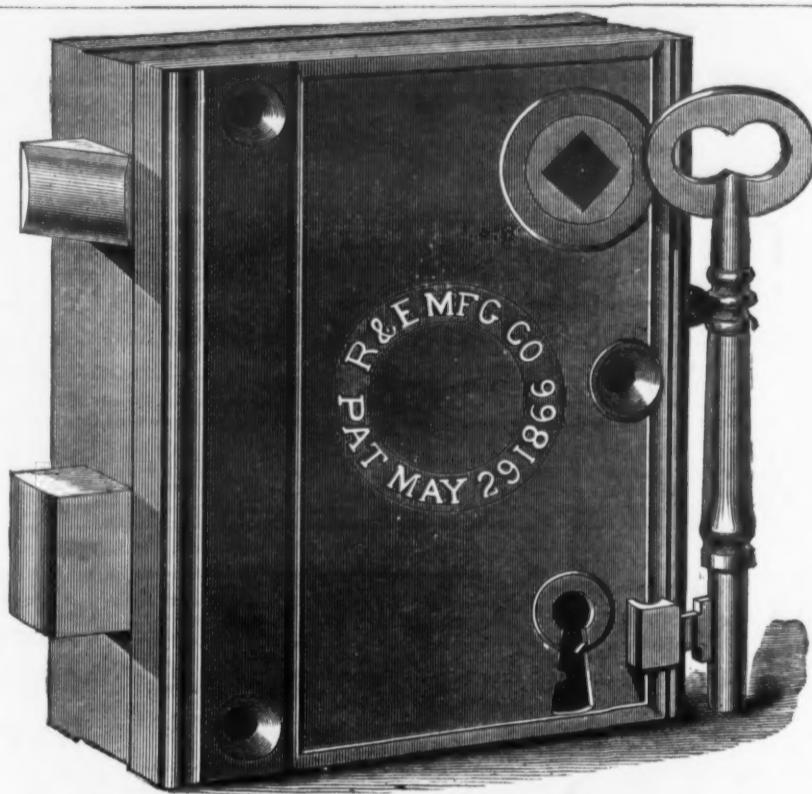
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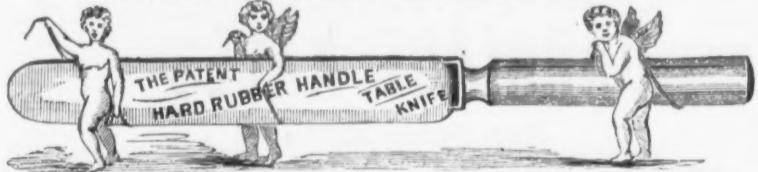
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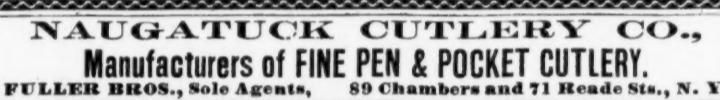
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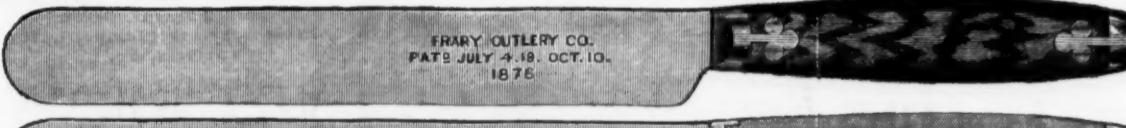


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Of the others it may be said that some of them if not all could have turned out a larger product than they did if orders had been more abundant.

The number of net tons of pig iron and sponges converted by the Bessemer process in 1876 was 539,474, against 395,956 tons in 1875, and 204,352 tons in 1874.

Of spongeleisn alone there were used 45,980 net tons in 1876, against 33,245 tons in 1875.

The number of net tons of Bessemer steel ingots produced in 1876 was 525,996, against 375,517 tons in 1875, and 191,934 tons in 1874.

The number of net tons of Bessemer steel rails produced in 1876 was 412,461, against 290,863 tons in 1875, 144,944 tons in 1874, 129,015 tons in 1873, 94,070 tons in 1872, 38,250 tons in 1871, 34,000 tons in 1870, 9,650 tons in 1869, 7,225 tons in 1868, and 2,550 tons in 1867—a total production of 1,163,026 net tons in the ten years during which the Bessemer steel industry of this country may properly be said to have had an existence. It has only had a slow growth until within the last few years.

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with a captain, engineer, two deck hands and nine passengers, exploded her boiler while on the mud-flats, about 5 miles this side of Alameda. Fortunately the shock threw every one on board into the water, with the exception of two, who died on the steamer. The water was but 3 feet deep, and the survivors, after waiting in vain for the appearance of another boat, waded ashore. Although all were more or less scalded, with the exceptions noted, they recovered.

Ten days later the steamer Helen Henley, a new boat running between this city and Benicia, while lying in her berth at Jackson street wharf, on the point of casting off her lines, collapsed a flue. The usual crowd of friends and idlers found at a steamboat landing were standing on the wharf, and several of them were injured by the flying splinters and escaping steam. The second engineer and a fireman were killed, and ten persons were wounded. Among the latter were David C. Broderick, afterward the famous Senator, whose tragic fate at the hands of a duelist is still fresh in remembrance; and Will Hicks Graham, a lawyer of considerable note in this State and across the mountains, who died three or four years ago. A moment before the explosion Senator Broderick was standing directly over the boiler at the point of the main force of the explosion. He went forward just in time to escape death.

One of the most appalling of the many disasters of this kind occurring on our waters was that which befell the steamer Secretary, Capt. E. W. Travers. This vessel was running on the route to Petaluma. On the 15th of April, 1854, she steamed away from the wharf in this city, having on board about sixty-five passengers, most of whom were on their way to the Russian River mines. She was followed immediately by the Nevada, the opposition boat, J. H. Cornell, Captain. In anticipation of a race each had stored its fire room with a large quantity of highly combustible fuel. As soon as they were fairly clear of the wharf the struggle began. The Nevada gradually closed with her rival. The engineer of the Secretary saw the competing craft gaining foot by foot upon him. He crammed the roaring furnace with inflammable material in vain. The rival craft came up—he passed him. In desperation he seized a rope and a broken oar-blade and lashed the safety-valve down. Then he pried the furnace with combustibles anew, and smiled to hear the passengers cheer, as gathered on the deck they watched the struggle. When the well known rocks in the bay, known as the Two Brothers, were reached the two vessels were rushing side by side, a few yards apart, when suddenly the boiler of the Secretary exploded, scattering her human freight, mangled and dismembered, on the waters of the bay, and sending a shower of splinters, broken timbers, iron and brick, high in air. It hailed down on every side and upon the deck of the rival craft. A brick from the Secretary's furnace crashed through the Nevada's pilot house, narrowly missing the head of the man there, and passed out of the other side. Old steamboat men who were present said that they never before witnessed so complete a wreck as that of the Secretary. The boiler and what was left of the hull instantly sank. The Nevada immediately laid to and picked up those floating in the water, but many of those instantly killed sank and were never seen again. The engineer was killed and the captain severely wounded. Among those killed was Captain John Ebbets, an old mountaineer, who discovered Ebbets' Pass, and gave his name to it. He was also a cousin of E. A. Ebbets, at that time assistant engineer of the Fire Department of this city. The number of killed was never exactly known, as no correct register of passengers was kept, and many of the bodies were never recovered, or even seen after the explosion, and of some only members were found; but the loss of life is known to have exceeded 30. The Secretary was owned by Gordon & Steen, and was built upon the hull of the old Gabriel Winter, having been furnished with new boilers and refitted for the Petaluma route during the preceding winter.

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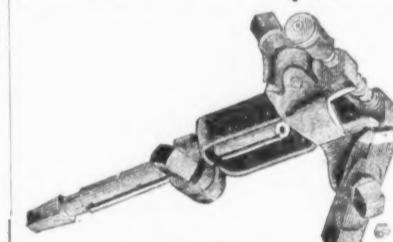


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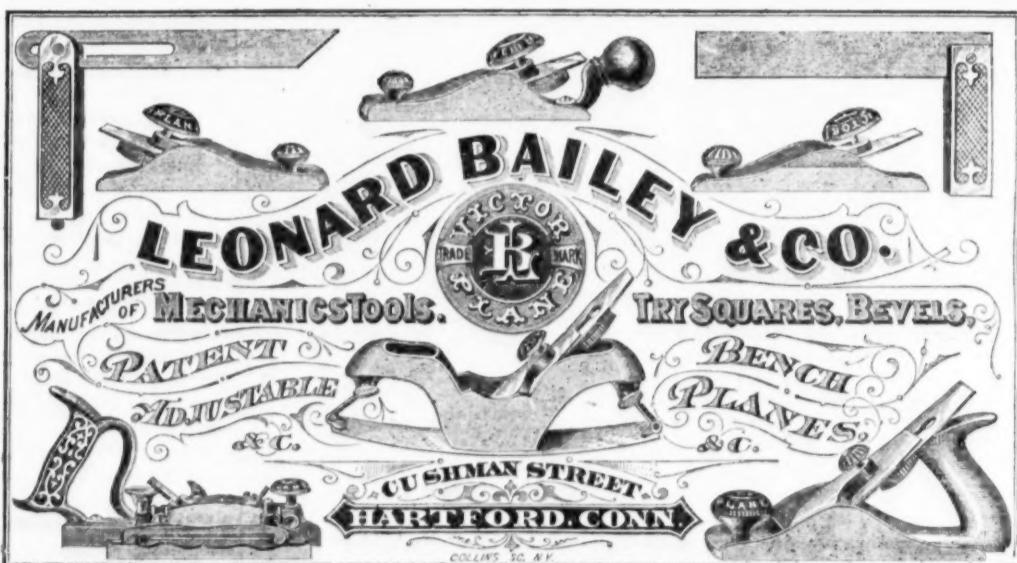
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The locomotive engineers of the Boston
and Maine Railroad are upon a strike, hav-
ing left their engines in all sorts of places,
or wherever they happened to be at the
appointed time. While their demands
may be just, we heartily hope they may
fail in their attempt to obtain what they
wish by the means which they have
adopted. The Brotherhood of Locomotive
Engineers, although a good thing in itself,
is evidently overstepping the bounds of
its legitimate province. Its destruction
will only be a question of time if
it attempts to gain its objects by
such unjustifiable means as those which
it has employed in this and other
similar strikes. We admit that a man
may quit work when the terms of his en-
gagement do not suit him, but when he
chooses a time to do this which entails
damages almost incalculable to the com-
munity he commits an outrage of the worst
kind upon the public, and one for which
he can find no possible justification.

The Business of the Patent Office.

The report of the United States Com-
missioner of Patents is just at hand, and
in another column we publish some ex-
tracts from some of the more important
portions. It is interesting to note that the
number of patents granted in 1876 was
greater than in any previous year, being
17,026, but it is also to be remarked that
the number of applications for patents was
not as large as in either of the two years
immediately preceding, and only 1000
larger than in 1873. The table showing
the number of patents issued to residents
of the different states and territories is a
very significant one, as it also shows the
proportion of patents to the population.
Most of the Southern States are but poorly
represented. Alabama takes out but one
patent for every 21,600 population, in
round numbers; Arkansas takes out one
patent for every 21,000 inhabitants; South
Carolina one for 22,700, while Massachusetts
takes out one in 918, Rhode Island one in 941, and Connecticut one in 730. The District of Columbia shows even bet-
ter figures, namely, one to 668. Inventors
will make their own comments upon the
latter fact, and judging from those we
have heard they will not be at all compi-
mentary. The territories are evidently too
busy in developing their own resources to
deal much with patents, although Wyoming
has a pretty fair record, having taken
out 10 patents during the year, or one to
every 1151 inhabitants. On the other hand,
New Mexico took out but one for her 111,-
300 inhabitants. The number of patents
taken out seems to be a very accurate index
of the industrial activity of a state or territory.
Thus the South, with its limited indus-
tries, takes out but few patents, while
the Northern States, with their very active
industries, take out a very large number in
proportion to their population.

During the past year some \$14,000 was
received from various sources beside fees,
chiefly from the sale of specifications,
drawings, subscriptions to the *Official
Gazette*, etc. The amount of receipts
above expenses was \$105,445.05, showing
that the Office is considerably more than
self-sustaining. In one sense this is very
gratifying, and in another it is not. Gov-
ernment departments were never intended
to be means for money making; nor is the
rendering of them self-sustaining the sole
object of their creation. This is inci-
dental, and though perhaps sometimes
desirable, should never be made a leading
feature in carrying on a department. The
force of the Patent Office is much too small
to perform the constantly increasing task
which it is called upon to do, and the
Commissioner of Patents suggests an in-
crease in the number of examiners and
clerks to such an extent as to considerably
diminish the amount of the surplus—say,
to the extent of one-half—would be most
advantageous. How much need there has
been for an increase in the clerical force
can be seen from the following extracts:

At times the office, owing to the inadequate
amount of help, has been weeks behind in
turning copies of records needed imme-
diately in pending suits and elsewhere, and in
recording assignments which the law requires
to be recorded in the office within three months
from the date thereof, or else holds void as to
subsequent purchasers without notice.

To such an extent has work been thus de-
layed that attorneys in most urgent cases have
been allowed to employ their own clerks at this

work, the office at the same time charging
them the legal fees for the work which itself

was unable to perform. So, too, in the Ex-
amining Corps, 21,425 applications for patents
have been distributed among 95 examiners (re-
duced at the beginning of the present fiscal
year to 88). This is an average of over 200 ap-
plications a year to each examiner.

The same is true of merchant iron of
various kinds. We have before us a letter from
one of the oldest and largest merchant iron
manufacturing firms in the country, in which they say: "We think the stocks
of manufactured iron, bars, sheets and
plates in hands of merchants and con-
sumers are very light." From personal
inspection of stocks at the large centers of
distribution, both East and West, we are
prepared to accept this statement without
reservation. In the East the stock of nails
on hand Jun. 1, 1876, was 100,000 kegs less
than at the beginning of the previous year.
In the West the stocks are somewhat larger
in the hands of manufacturers and agents,
but those in the hands of merchants and
jobbers are not one-third what they were
one year ago. All this leads to the same
conclusion as before—that production is
not and has not been for the past year equal
to consumption.

It is difficult to realize this. The axiom
concerning supply and demand has been
so thoroughly interwoven with the politi-
cal economy of every manufacturer that it
is almost an impossibility for them to
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duction, which is far in excess of what
any present demand is likely to be. To
show what this excess is, let us take the
figures of make and compare them with

gress to apply it by passing the necessary
acts.

It is to this want of sufficient force that
some of the blunders made by the Patent
Office during the last year are probably
traceable. Several times during the year
patents have been issued for devices and
inventions which were not only old, but,
in one instance, was in use among the arts.
If an examiner is to be hurried in his work
to such an extent that he cannot have time
to keep himself posted as to the progress
made by the world, nor even have sufficient
time to be perfectly certain that the thing
has not been previously patented, it is little
to be wondered at if old devices are patented
as novelties and old patents issued a sec-
ond time. When we compare the work-
ings of our own Patent Office with those of
those foreign countries, and note the differ-
ence in the systems and the principles by
which they are governed, we feel little in-
clination to find fault with our domestic
institution—at least, we do not think ad-
verse criticism just or judicious until Con-
gress has put the office in such a position
as to make it possible that the faults shall
be remedied.

When Congress gives the Commis-
sioner power to make the changes which
are absolutely necessary, we may expect
the workings of the Office to become emi-
nently satisfactory. As it is, the United
States Patent Office can well be regarded
with pride and satisfaction. The amount of
work it accomplishes, its character,
system and the method in which it
preserves its records and makes them
available to the public, together with the
fact that it is and for many years past has
been self-sustaining, are points of which
we can well be proud. There may be
faults, and grave ones, but still we think
our own the best when compared with
those of other nations.

Capacity and Production.

As preliminary to what we may have to
say on this subject, we think it hardly
necessary to state that the term "capacity,"
as applied to blast furnaces and rolling
mills, is a decidedly unknown quantity,
and we know of no equation that
will give us the value of x. The reason,
or the facts that underlie the reason, for
stating the capacity of an iron works at a
given amount, are as various as the
amounts stated. A blast furnace manager
will take the largest day's or week's work,
multiply it by 365, or 52, as the case may
be, and give that as the capacity of the
furnace. Another will take the very largest
year's run ever made, and that is the
capacity. Rolling mills pursue a similar
course. It is evident that all such figures
must be fallacious, as it is at most very im-
probable that, with the conditions remain-
ing the same, such results can be obtained
continuously. This is an evil that cannot
be very well remedied, and our only object
in referring to it here is as an introduction
to what we may say below.

The trouble with the iron trade to-day is
not overproduction. That this is so in re-
gard to pig iron is shown in the constantly
diminishing stocks. A comparison of the
figures given by Mr. Swank, of stocks on
hand at the furnaces, unsold, will show
this, and if these tables could be supple-
mented by similar ones showing the decline in
stocks at the mills, it would be still more
evident that the consumption of pig iron
is in excess of the production.

The same is true of merchant iron of
various kinds. We have before us a letter from
one of the oldest and largest merchant iron
manufacturing firms in the country, in which they say: "We think the stocks
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any present demand is likely to be. To
show what this excess is, let us take the
figures of make and compare them with

capacity. The make for the years 1873 to
1876 was as follows:

	Merchant Iron and Nails.
1873.....	941,932
1873.....	2,854,558
1873.....	2,668,278
1874.....	1,076,368
1874.....	2,889,413
1875.....	1,110,147
1875.....	2,936,531
1876.....	1,097,867
1876.....	2,050,000*

*Estimated.

The total annual capacity of the blast
furnaces of the country is, according to
Mr. Swank, 5,439,230 tons. Allow 33½
per cent. of this for the excess of estimate
above what the furnaces can actually
make, and we have 3,626,163 tons as the
estimated amount the furnaces of the coun-
try can actually produce if necessary to
meet the demand—nearly 800,000 tons in
excess of the highest production, and more
than a million and a half tons more than
the estimated production of last year.
Every blast furnace owner in the country
is suffering for an opportunity to reduce
this difference, and the moment he can see
the least ghost of a chance he will sacri-
fice his feelings and blow in his furnace.

Now let us take merchant iron. The
capacity of the iron rolling mills, exclusive
of those making rails, is 2,349,460

does not make iron at a minimum cost will, sooner or later, ruin the man who should take it as a gift.

The Cost of Making Merchant Iron.

No one who is at all practically conversant with the iron trade has the least idea that merchant iron, especially bars, can be manufactured for any such money as it has been selling for the past few months. If it is asked how low it has been sold, we confess frankly we do not know. We have heard rumors of all sorts of prices. We have before us "a special circular of quotations," in which merchant bar iron is quoted at 18-10 cents per pound, net, and this was said to be a good price. We do not suppose that any man would be foolish enough to take a large order for straight bars at this figure, but it is a very common quotation for assorted orders, and some specifications could get a lower bid than this even, if it were well sprinkled with fancy sizes. In fact, we have heard of a sale of 3-16 round at a price equal to one-half cent rates, Western card. But if we take 18c. to 19c. to be the price of iron, we shall have a fair average of the quotations made by many firms the past few weeks, and the rates at which they have booked orders.

And we ask squarely is there a man in the trade that believes that good honest iron can be made at any such price? If there is, he is deceiving himself and will discover it to his sorrow. We do not propose at this time to enter into details as to cost of merchant iron, but some facts have come to our notice, within a short time, that show the cost of iron making in a general way. We met a gentleman from the West a short time since who owns his coal, limestone, blast furnace and rolling mill, and is a stockholder in the ore mines supplying him with a part of his ore, but mines himself the larger part. The furnace and mill are well situated in a small town in Ohio, near two railroads with connection in all directions. Taxes, labor, everything is low. The mill has lately been started on an order for muck bar and billets, the price got for the muck bar being \$35 per gross ton f. o. b. at the works, and there was only the very smallest margin in it at this. Now add \$2 for transportation to the mill that was to use it; assume that the long ton of muck will make a short ton of bars; add \$6 for making it into bars, and where is the profit at \$180 to \$190. The actual cost would be \$215. We were present a few days since when three of the best iron manufacturers in the country were figuring on the cost, and the three results were within 50c. per ton of each other, and were even less than \$45 per ton for bars. If they were wrong, will some of our good friends at other mills write and show us the error?

The mills save themselves in two ways; first, by their specialties. There is hardly a mill, west of the mountains especially, that does not make something on which they get a good price, which uses up a portion of their product and saves them from absolute ruin. It is shape iron, or agricultural iron, or wagon hardware, or patent shafting, or plates, or fine sheets or something. And in the second place the iron is not always honest. It is either part old rail or cinder iron, or some other miserable stuff that is clean outside, but within it is full of rottenness. We do not say that no honest iron is being made, but we do say that it cannot be made at \$180. There may be some honest iron sold at this price, but it does not cover cost, and the one selling it must either make up his loss on something else, or if he cannot do that he must "go to the wall," unless he has a long purse and is willing to make iron for glory.

Machine-Made English Watches.

We find in the Birmingham Post an interesting account of the manufacture of watches by machinery in England, which is significant as illustrating the remarkable conservatism of British industry. Finding that in watch making hand labor was no longer able to compete with machinery, the more enterprising watch makers have adopted the American system, and are now attempting to make watches wholly by machinery. The reason for this is that not only had American watches practically monopolized the American market, but have lately been competing vigorously with English watches in the British markets. To meet this competition they have had recourse to our methods, but in doing so have taken the precaution to so modify our machinery as to adapt it to the production of the old style of English watch—with 800 distinct parts, more or less—and which are, at best, clumsy, heavy, complicated and costly. There are no differences of opinion among watch makers as to the vast superiority of the American machine-made watch, containing only 188 parts, or less, but they have failed to see that the

public taste must accept the simple, improved construction, and rather than attempt to lead persons in the right direction they have adapted machinery to the manufacture of a class of watches which can not possibly compete, either in price, durability or excellence, with the watches we are introducing into the English markets. We think this investment will prove a waste of capital. English taste is by no means as conservative as English industry. We find the people of Great Britain buying a great variety of our manufactures, but English makers cannot be induced to imitate our goods, because they do not consider them adapted to the English market. We notice the same phenomenon in our competition for colonial trade. The British tool makers either cannot or will not follow our patterns, and the result is that our manufacturers are winning easy victories which they are likely to reap the benefit of for many years to come. We are strongly of the opinion that the five years' difficulty which the English company has experienced in establishing its business would have been avoided had they engaged in the manufacture of the new and improved watches which are crowding, and must eventually drive, the old-fashioned English out of every market of the world.

Work and Wages.

The Sheffield Telegraph, of recent date, prints a letter purporting to be written by an English workman in this country, in which the condition of the working classes is depicted in very somber colors. Some of his statements are correct; others, upon which most stress is laid, are either deliberate misstatements or weak inventions. Of the currency of the country, he says:

The paper money is another of the annoyances which the emigrant, used to the good cash of the old country, has to contend with. The writer had stated in a previous letter that nothing but paper was to be had; and it is certainly not very pleasant to get your wages paid in paper on the Saturday, and on the Monday find that the bank has stopped payment, as has very frequently been the case.

When we consider that this letter was written in December, 1876, by a man who claims to have come to this country some years previous to the war and to have been here ever since, it is evident that he has been imposing upon the credulity of the Telegraph editor. It so happens that, under our national bank system, the notes of a suspended bank are intrinsically worth more than that of a bank which has not suspended, and as the circulation of State banks has been taxed out of existence, the writer ventured to assert this of at least 33 per cent., but was supplemented by this better authority naming 50 per cent. Whatever the proportion may be, one thing is tolerably certain—that, in the main, they are the furnaces that were in existence prior to 1870.

The American furnaces of to-day may properly be divided into three classes:

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2d. Those of fairly modern construction, but unfavorable location, which, under forced sales, are in the hands of new parties at nominal figures, together with those of olden style, but exceptionally well located.

3d. Those combining the advantages of modern improvements, large capacity and good location.

The establishments embraced in the first class we need not consider. They have had their day, and must disappear under the inexorable march of events. Those of the second class may precariously exist for a while longer, but their fate is determined for reasons to be hereafter seen. Those of the third class are to-day practically controlling the trade, and will continue to do so, only threatened by works of similar excellence that "ideal men" will hereafter build.

The day for high prices for pig iron has gone by, and very properly so. Bitter as this may prove to the few, the many will be benefited. With the enormous natural resources of the United States, the truest prosperity will come, not with a large profit on a limited production, but with a fair profit on the largest possible production.

We do not want an unwilling competition with foreign producers, but we do want a keen competition among ourselves, and it can scarcely be too sharp, temporarily, for the general good in the long run, for it will prick bubbles, weed out the incompetent and the feeble, compel economy, watchfulness and discretion, and end as the end should be, with the "survival of the fittest."

To be sure this is plain talking, but plain talking is what the hour and day demand. Specious appeals for combinations to support ignorance and recklessness by limiting production to reach higher prices are so many quack medicines, possibly profitable to the maker, but destructive to the public. If one man by natural wit, better knowledge, closer management and more abundant capital can make and sell a standard article at a lower price than another wanting in one or all of these advantages, he deserves to succeed, even should his success prove another's downfall.

Now, this is precisely what is going on at the present time in the iron trade. There is something at work far deeper and more complex than mere overproduction—it is the deadly struggle between the old and the new—between modern and obsolete ideas; it is the establishment of a great vital industry on a new basis; it is the readjustment and relocation of the iron business of the United States.

The panic only hastened the day of reckoning and of change, and men accustomed to look no deeper than the surface have deluded themselves with the idea that low prices were only the result of the panic and would soon pass away, and so struggling against what they could not see, but which was not the less in-

a leading position," in 1870, 1871 and 1872 built new furnaces and mills and opened new iron mines. What follows is a little misty: "Hence was the mistake from first to last, and it seems the most wonderful thing in the history of so great an interest in any country, that though discovered and promulgated by a few" (these, of course, practical men), "it was not made the guide for all, and that the fiction should not have been checked before it reached the magnitude which finally completed an overthrow of the entire interest."

What a foolish and shabby trick to be sure for these "ideal men" to go to work building new and improved furnaces, or enlarging and modernizing old ones, and opening new mines, thus interfering with the old-fashioned plants, and the old-fashioned ways, and the high cost and the higher prices of his substantial reliable practical men.

To show how utterly illogical and crude our friend can be, when writing on a subject about which he evidently knows nothing, we make one more quotation and then gladly leave him, with the sad reflection, that if he cannot run a furnace or a mill better than he can write, his establishment will be found among those "that will never more be used at a profit."

He says: "The large and elaborate furnaces must take precedence of the smaller ones on account of their greater capacity—the smaller must give way to the advantages which capital can influence against them in the obtaining of raw material."

If he do not, he ought to know, that the big furnaces have been built since 1870; that the accumulated capital is that of his ideal men, and that these men whom he charges with having ruined a great interest by indulging in a fiction, are the ones who will profitably control the iron trade of the future.

The aggregated capacity of the furnaces and mills now existing is unquestionably beyond the present wants of the country, but is this capacity likely to be called into exercise? Certainly not at the present price of iron, or at any price that it is likely to reach for some time to come.

"Ironmaster" is not far wrong in one conclusion, that as far as furnaces are concerned not more than one-half of those now standing will ever again be used at a profit. In the presence of one of the oldest and most experienced ironmasters of the West, who was personally acquainted with almost every important iron producing locality in the States, the writer ventured to assert this of at least 33 per cent., but was supplemented by this better authority naming 50 per cent. Whatever the proportion may be, one thing is tolerably certain—that, in the main, they are the furnaces that were in existence prior to 1870.

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man of much energy, he has brought to bear upon this fortunate discovery the advanced knowledge of our times, and he is obtaining and sending over to this country some of the finest specimens of turquoise that exist. In such a lonely spot he naturally has not confined his attention to this one subject only, but has traced out the system of fortifications by which the Pharaohs protected their works and workers, and what is still more wonderful, has come upon the remains of vast iron works—so vast, indeed, that many thousand people must have been employed upon them, unless the plan used was on quite a grand a scale as that of the largest furnaces in the north of England.

These are the men who have been indulging in a "fiction," and while this weeding process is going on we cannot look for any marked improvement in prices, even with an active demand and an improving condition of general trade. These preliminary observations have seemed necessary to prepare the ground for reaching intelligent conclusions regarding the future of the furnace business, of which we will treat, with your kind permission, in a subsequent paper.

Scientific and Technical Notes.

During the past few years the

INDUSTRIAL USES OF GLYCERINE

have so increased as to make this substance a very important article of commerce. It is employed to keep modeling clay in properly moist condition. It is excellently adapted for the preservation of articles of food, and especially of fruits which require to be kept in a moist condition. It is used in the manufacture of liquors, essences, and the like, as a sweetener; and its sweetening and preservative properties have caused it to be largely employed as an addition to wines and beer. As a lubricant, especially for fine machine work, such as the working parts of clocks, watches, chronometers, sewing machines, glycerine has been found well adapted, in virtue of its non-liability to decompose or freeze, and its indifference to metals. It has been found to make an excellent copying ink, when added in small quantity to such writing fluids; letters written with ink to which glycerine has been added do not require the wetting of the copying paper, but may be copied dry even for some time after writing. In virtue of its property of keeping the skin soft and moist, glycerine is employed pure, and in a number of preparations (glycerine soap, pomatum, etc.), and medicinal mixtures, as a cosmetic, in cases of burns, catarrhal affections, etc.; and from the same property of this substance—its avidity for moisture—it has found application in several industries, such as paper making, weaving, dressing of leather, etc., where it is found desirable to give to fabrics great softness and flexibility, and do away with the subsequent tendency of such articles (as leather belts and the like) to dry and crack. It is extensively used as an ingredient of printers' rollers. As a solvent, glycerine occupies an important place in medicine and the arts; it is particularly valuable as a solvent for gum arabic, as also in paste. Glycerine, by continued digestion, is soluble in glycerine, gelatinizing on cooling. Glycerine dissolves aniline violet, alizarin, and alcoholic madder. A solution of aniline colors in glycerine is often used for stamping with rubber hand stamps. Glycerine is employed to extract the perfume from flowers, and the aromatic principle of red peppers. Sulphate of quinine dissolves in 10 parts of glycerine when hot, but when cold, separates in clots, which, when triturated with the supernatant liquid, gives it the consistency of a creme, very useful for frictions and embrocations. Fifty parts of warm glycerine will hold in solution when cold, one part of salicylic acid. Three hundred parts of water may be added without causing precipitation. A mixture of carbolic acid and glycerine has been suggested as a preservative agent for green skins, as a substitute for the salting generally practiced. The carbolic acid increases the preservative effect of the glycerine, while the action of the latter keeps the skins perfectly soft and fresh, just as they were directly after slaughtering. One of the most important applications of glycerine is its use in wet gas meters. Water possesses the disadvantages of freezing in winter and of evaporating in the warm seasons, while a mixture of equal parts of glycerine and water is free from both of these evils. A few drops of glycerine in mercurial gauges, etc., have been found to prevent the formation of the objectionable slimy film that shortly makes its appearance on the surface of the quicksilver column. It has been recommended for keeping guns and pistols clean and free from rust. It is found well adapted for the preservation of anatomical preparations and for the saturation of barrels intended to contain petroleum, etc. Lastly, it is employed in great quantities for the production of that most powerful and valuable of all known explosives, nitro-glycerine, made by a treatment of glycerine with a mixture of sulphuric and nitric acids. We have no figures at hand from which to estimate the total magnitude of the glycerine industry of the world, but its extent may be imagined from the statement that in the United States alone there is annually produced not less than 2,000,000 lbs.

We find in a recent number of an English journal, the name of which we do not now recall, a very remarkable story in regard to the discovery of the

AIR IN MINES,

from which we condense the following interesting facts: It is found that the temperature of the earth increased with the depth at about 1° Fahr., for every 50 feet to 60 feet. At the deep coal pit at Dukinfield the temperature was constantly 75° Fahr. at a depth of 2151 feet, and at a depth of 17 feet it was only 1° Fahr., which gave an increase of 1° Fahr. for every 80 feet only. The average degree of temperature of the earth was 1° Fahr., for every 55 feet in descent to a depth of 1800 feet, and afterward 1° Fahr. for every 44 feet. At 10,000 feet the temperature would be 212° Fahr. provided all other circumstances remained the same; at 20 miles, 1760° Fahr., and at 50 miles it would be 4900° Fahr., heat sufficient to melt any known metal. Thus, the deeper the shafts of their coal mines the greater the amount of natural ventilation they would obtain. A current of air traveling at a speed of 10 feet per second gave a pressure of 492 lbs. to the square foot; at 16 feet = 989; at 51-34 = 6027, and at 200 = 39-2, as experienced on the surface of the earth. These might be described as first, a breeze; second, a light gale; third, a gale, and fourth, a hurricane. Increased velocity of wind meant greater friction or higher water gauge. Air was perfectly elastic; by pressure it could be squeezed into less bulk, and if that pressure were withdrawn it filled the same space as formerly. Heat had the same effect upon it as pressure. A cubic foot of air weighed 523 grains; a cubic foot of water weighed 1000 ounces; a cubic foot of watery vapor weighed only 272 grains. So that the more vapor there was in the air the lighter it would be. Friction was estimated by the force required to overcome it. Friction of air increased or decreased in the same proportion that the extent of the rubbing surface exposed to the air increased or decreased. A circular airway offered less resistance in proportion to its area than any other form, because its circumference was less in proportion to its area than the perimeter of any other figure. Airways should be as large and as smooth a surface as possible. Splitting the air current was preferable to taking the whole current of air around the workings in one body. Generally speaking, splitting the air increased the quantity of air obtained by a given expenditure of power, but the benefits to be derived from splitting were limited by the area of the shaft.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: "Apropos of the uncertainty and delay attending the arrival of ocean steamships from foreign seaports, and the difficulty of establishing communication with them while at sea, an exchange wisely suggests that the steamship companies utilize CARRIER PIGEONS as a means of communication between their vessels and either the port of departure or the port of destination. A number of ocean steamships are now from a week to a month overdue, among them the Colombo, of the Wilson Line, plying between New York City and Hull, which is now overdue 31 days. The Anglia, of the Anchor Line to Glasgow, was overdue 31 days before she was heard from, and other steamers of more or less importance in maritime circles are now anxiously looked for. Had these vessels been provided with carrier pigeons, their fate and the cause of their delay might have been known long before this time by their owners and friends of passengers on board. The use of carrier pigeons passed into desuetude to a certain extent with the advent of the magnetic telegraph, although they are still used with success in some parts of Europe by minor journals. In France and Belgium the proprietors of many newspapers raise carrier pigeons in their offices, and when a correspondent or reporter is dispatched for news to some place not readily accessible or off the line of the telegraph, he takes with him from three to six of these faithful carriers, and dispatches them with news at intervals. Upon their arrival at their destination the news thus received, where unusually important, is published in 'extras.' It will interest our readers to know that the project of using carrier pigeons as a means of communication between vessels at sea, and their ports of destination and departure, has really received much consideration by various steamship companies, and it is probable that these birds will be introduced on board many of the steamers plying between this port and foreign lands during the coming year. The Transatlantic Steamship Company have already commenced this experiment in foreign ports, and it has thus far proved entirely successful. The company bought forty pairs of the best breed of Antwerp carriers two years ago, and divided them between this city, Port de France, St. Thomas, and St. Nazaire, and established a central loft in the latter port. As it takes four years for a carrier to arrive at maturity, the success of the enterprise has not yet been demonstrated in this country. There are four varieties of high-bred pigeons, the pouter, Antwerp carrier, short-faced tumbler, and barb. Of these, the only breed which can be utilized as a dispatch-bearer, is the Antwerp carrier. A glance at the physical construction of these birds will readily demonstrate this fact. The pouter is the largest of the several varieties, the males being 12½ inches long from the end of the beak to the tip of the tail, while the legs, from the thigh joint to the tip of the middle toe, measure seven inches. Feathers cover the legs and feet of these birds, and they have a wind-sack over their crops, which, when they feel in particularly high spirits, they expand to a considerable extent, and assume a pouting appearance, from which they derive their name."

Railroad Construction in 1876.

We condense the following from the *Railroad Gazette*: Our detailed record of the new railroads constructed in the United States in 1876 shows that during the year 105 railroad companies laid track on 2412 miles of railroad, increasing the total length in the United States to 76,640 miles, which, according to the best estimates of the population at this time, gives one mile of railroad for every 600 inhabitants. We have now kept a careful record of the exact mileage laid within each calendar year for five years. The first of these years, 1872, was the culmination of the great era of railroad construction. During the five years preceding, according to Poor's Manual, 23,700 miles had been constructed in this country; for the six years ending with 1872 the average construction had been 5170 per year, and in eight years the mileage of the country had been doubled. The progress since this culminating period will be seen by the following:

Year.....1872. 1873. 1874. 1875. 1876.
Miles constructed. 7,340 8,883 2,025 1,861 2,442

The greatest inactivity was but a little more than two years after the time of the greatest activity; for the great dullness did not extend throughout the year 1875. As we said in our review for that year, a larger proportion than usual of the mileage built in 1875 was constructed in the latter half of the year. We had news of but 22 per cent. of it at the middle of the year, and the greater activity in the last half indicated some slight revival in railroad construction. This was confirmed by the experience of this year, when, as we see, 888 miles, or 57 per cent., more was constructed than in 1875. This year, however, the proportion completed in the last half of the year has not been extraordinary—about 70 per cent. of the whole.

In one particular the work of 1876 was much like that of 1875; to a very great extent it consisted of the construction of local lines of no great length.

There was, however, a greater number of long lines built than in 1875, and the average mileage is greater than for two years previous, as is shown below:

Year.	No. of Companies.	Total Constructed.	Average Miles.
1872.....	210	7,340	34 miles
1873.....	137	8,883	64 " "
1874.....	105	2,025	19 3 "
1875.....	94	1,861	19 6 "
1876.....	105	2,442	23 3 "

Last year there were eight companies which constructed 50 miles or more each; in 1875 there were but six such companies. The eight companies with the largest mileage constructed but 498 miles of road in 1875; this year they constructed 898 miles. No company constructed as much as 100 miles in 1875; five have done so in 1876, and one of them nearly 200 miles.

The distribution of the construction of the last year is peculiar. Nearly one-half of the new road is in four of the 38 states. For some years Illinois led in the mileage constructed yearly, as it still does in total mileage. The seven states and one territory which we have included in the "Northwest" in 1872 embraced 42 per cent. of the new road of the year. In 1873 they had but 29 per cent.; in 1874, 25 per cent.; in 1875, 23 per cent.; in 1876, less than 22 per cent. It no longer is the great field for railroad building. Illinois, which built 696 miles and 9 1/2 per cent. of the whole in 1873, has but 49 miles and 3 per cent. of the whole in 1876. But Texas built very nearly as much last year as ever before, and a much larger proportion of the whole, taking the lead of the states with 388 miles and 16 per cent. of the whole. California follows with 350 miles 14 1/2 per cent. of the whole; then Ohio with 270 miles and 11 per cent. of the whole. The fourth place is taken by Colorado, the newest of all the states, with 155 miles of road and 6 1/2 per cent. of the whole. The only other states which have more than 100 miles of road are Kentucky, in which the city of Cincinnati has built 188 miles in a single line; Wisconsin—where the Potter law had reinforced more natural causes to prevent construction for two years previous, but which last year celebrated the repeal of the law by leading the Northwest in mileage constructed—134 miles; and Missouri, which has 109 miles.

The greatest length constructed by a single company is 15 miles by the Southern Pacific. Then follow: Cincinnati Southern, 138 miles; Texas and Pacific, 120; Columbus and Toledo, 117; Denver and Rio Grande, 108.

Ohio is the only one of the older states which shows a large mileage; there has been unusual activity there, and most of it in constructing local roads, many of 3 feet gauge. The roads there seem to be constructed almost wholly from home capital, and largely by those who expect to use them; and thus may be said of most of the roads of 1876, even in the newer states. They have been built because their projectors expected profits from their earnings, and not, as very many were in 1873 and before, because the projectors expected profits from the work of constructing them.

There were eight states and nine territories in which no railroad was built in 1876. Two miles were built in the Indian Territory; all the rest in 30 states.

New England and the Middle States, which in 1875 seemed little affected by the dull times, and then constructed 35 1/4 percent. of the total, last year were less active than for many years, and built but 12 1/4 per cent. of the whole. The South, including all that territory south of the Potomac, the Ohio, and the State of Missouri, made a great advance over 1875, constructing 712 miles against 105. More than one-half of this new construction was in Texas, but the increase is great over the construction of 1874 also, and with Texas excluded, and this not-

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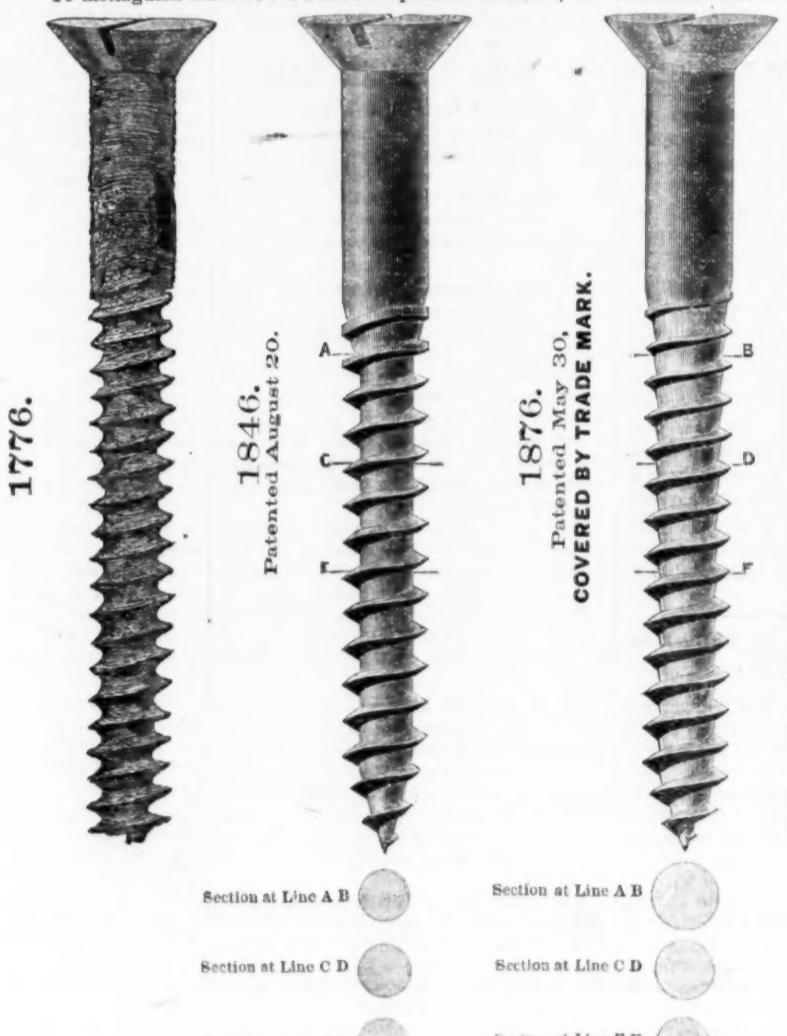


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The method of manufacturing is also patented, and we are changing our machinery as fast as possible, to manufacture the **improved** article only. To introduce them, they will be sold at same price as the old style screw.

The new screws will be packed in manila colored **boxes** with new label covering end of box, and **enlarged figures** showing plainly contents.

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withstanding the fact that in four Southern States no new railroad was built last year.

Our record notes a total length of 537 miles of narrow gauge roads completed in 1876 (48 miles of 3 ft. 6 in. and the rest of 3 ft. gauge). This mileage is on 32 different roads and in 19 different states. There is now a considerable system of such roads in Colorado and Utah, and a considerable number of the roads (though generally not connected into a system) in Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. They are pretty sure to continue to increase unless other light and cheap railroads of standard gauge be introduced. The new lines likely to be most needed hereafter are railroads which will take a place between the public highway and those intended for fast trains and a heavy traffic. For such lines, usually not very long, there is doubtless room now in many parts of the country. They will be mostly short, and probably (unless the existing railroad companies undertake them) projected, constructed and wholly or chiefly paid for by the communities which are to use them.

The chief lines now in progress which may construct a considerable mileage during the current year are the Cincinnati Southern, which will almost certainly complete its line to Chattanooga, across Kentucky and Tennessee; the Southern Pacific, which will probably reach the Colorado at an early day, and perhaps make a considerable advance into Arizona; and the Texas and Pacific, which will probably do something under any circumstances.

Coal Matters in Philadelphia.

The *Daily Bulletin*, of the 12th inst., says: At the private meeting of the managers of the New Jersey Central Railroad, the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, held in this city on Saturday until a late hour, it was determined that the only way out of the embarrassments of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company was through a receivership. It was therefore agreed that application should be made for the appointment of three such receivers at some of the courts of this State early this week, or so soon as the conclusion should be reached at the meeting in New York to-day, between the representatives of the same companies, to decide upon the appointment of a receiver for Jersey Central also. This forenoon application was made at Pittsburgh for such appointment, and it was said it would be granted, the persons to be appointed even being named. One in the interest of each of the companies concerned, namely, President Clark, of the Lehigh Navigation; Treasurer Tillinghast, of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre, and Chancellor Williamson, of the Jersey Central, all of whom were at the meeting here of Saturday. As this movement had been expected here since Saturday, it had not the effect upon the securities of the coal companies that might otherwise have been expected, yet a decline followed it, and was also stimulated by the equally inevitable fate of Jersey Central, which was considered sealed when advice came from New York stating that its account in the Bank of Commerce had been attached by judgment creditors. The few holders of Central securities in this city, who had hoped that some way of deliverance would be found for the company, resigned themselves to the worst or sold their stock. Some, however, were inclined to place new hope in certain schemes in embryo looking to another way out of the troubles of both companies by consolidation with the Lehigh Navigation, under a plan of which the following is a general outline: The plan suggested is that the Central, the Navigation and the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company should be consolidated under one head, and that preferred stock should be issued to the holders of the Lehigh Navigation stock in full for its capital, and that the common stock of the consolidated company should be issued to the holders of the stock of both the other companies as well as to the holders of the floating debt of the two. The argument used to show the feasibility of this scheme is that unless such a course is taken there will be a foreclosure by the bondholders, which would wipe out the entire property of both and leave the stock and floating debt holders without anything, while under one management the stock would be of considerable immediate value, with a greater prospective one, as the new company would have no indebtedness to lug it down; and that, with the Navigation in good financial condition, the earnings of the consolidated line would be ample to pay interest dividends on preferred stock and ultimately on common. The plan was submitted at the New York meeting to-day by telegraph from here, we are told.

Another rumor, coming by wire from New York, had the information (?) that there was the possibility, in case of a receiver for Jersey Central, of the Lehigh Navigation being leased by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Road, and the recovery in the latter stock in New York from the lowest point of the morning was attributed to this rumor. But the idea was laughed at here among the well-informed, and we found no one to give it credence, not even the receiver of the dispatch, who admitted it was sent in relation to some stock transaction. Yet there were those who would believe it or any other improbable occurrence, so shaken has confidence become in all corporate management and securities, and any make-shifts are thought probable.

Mr. John A. Blake, manager of Blake Brothers Hardware and Crusher Company, died suddenly Saturday afternoon the 3d inst., while engaged in pickerel fishing on Lake Whitney. He was born in Westboro, Mass., in 1808, and has been for the past forty years a member of the well known firm of Blake Brothers, and a prominent and respected citizen of New Haven.

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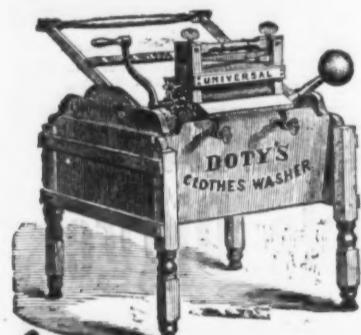
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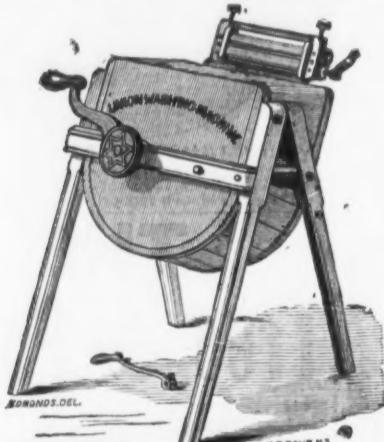
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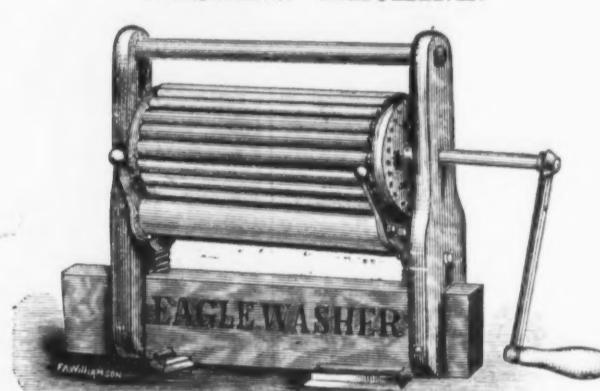


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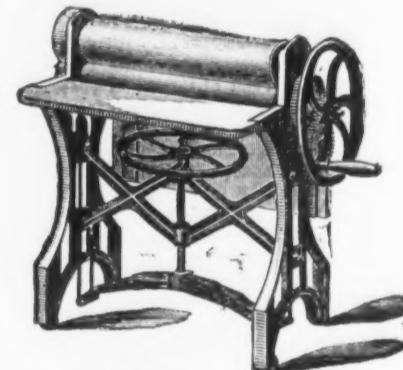
Size, 3 ft. x 2 ft. 2 in.
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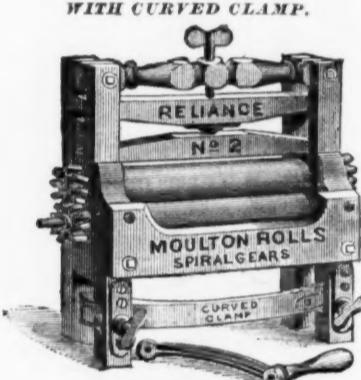
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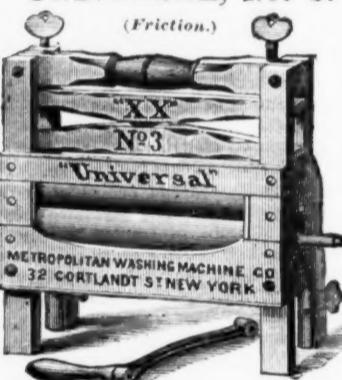
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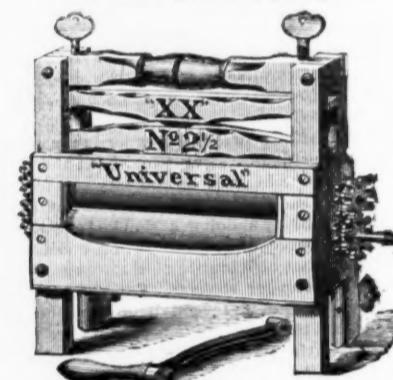
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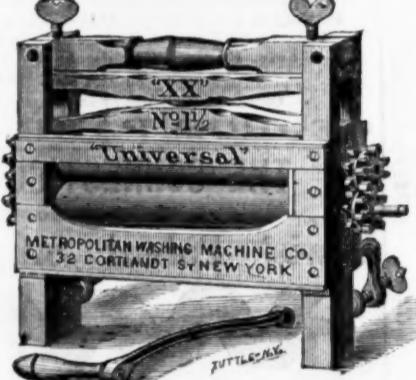
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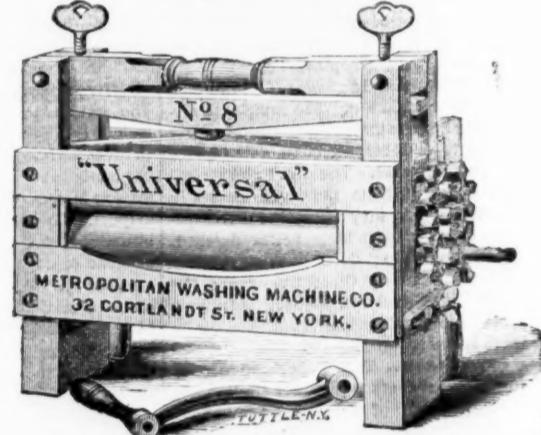
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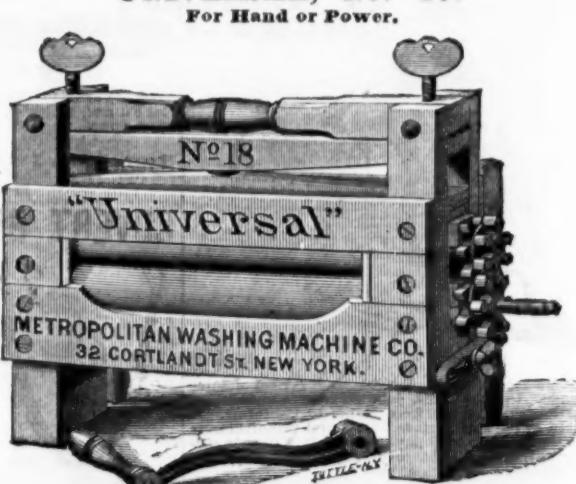
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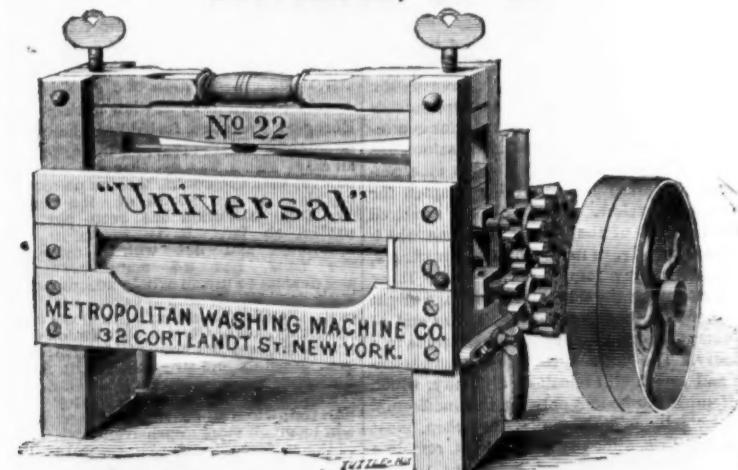
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Railway Car Reform in Great Britain.

We take the following significant article from a Glasgow newspaper:

There are two things above others which have recently engaged, and still occupy the attention of boards of directors—increased safety to their trains, and increased comfort to the passengers. One rests largely with the brake, the other with the form of carriage. The heavy losses the companies have had to suffer through compensation for accidents, together with the pressure of public opinion, have urged the former reform; and the general voice also, but more especially the rivalry of competing lines, has worked a vast improvement in the latter. Into the comparative value of Steel's and the Westinghouse brakes we shall not enter; their merits have lately been the subject of much discussion, and their capability has been practically tested by frequent experiments. Skill is necessary to the formation of an opinion regarding them. On the other hand, we are all alike able, from our point of view, to judge of the comfort of a vehicle; we can all form an estimate of the advantages or disadvantages of particular modes of internal arrangement in carriages, of certain kinds of fittings, and of the conveniences that may be provided. Much has been done in the way of reform. The ordinary first, second and third-class carriages are no longer the agglomeration of close boxes and stuffy compartments they once were; the space for occupants has been greatly enlarged, and quite a multitude of minor contrivances have been adopted for the comfort of the passengers. The palace car, an invention from beyond the Atlantic, has been adopted by the Midland Railway Company, but other two lines, the west and east coast routes, have put on cars specially constructed for the journey, and suited to the peculiarities of the traffic. For the journey from Glasgow to London on the Caledonian there is first a sleeping carriage pure and simple, which has been run for a year or two past; second, there is a novel and very ingeniously contrived composite carriage, specially adapted for the limited mail; and, third, there is the handsome and commodious day saloon carriage, which was only put on the road at the end of last summer. Externally, none of them differs in appearance from the ordinary run of carriages, except that the sleeping car has perhaps a little more ornamentation on its panels, and is better protected from the inquisitive gaze of loungers about platforms by blinds and screens. Access is gained by one door on either side, and a passage, which runs lengthways of the carriage, gives admission to the several compartments, which are separated by doors. As originally designed, each compartment was fitted up for four sleepers, couches running along the sides of the vehicle about the height of an ordinary seat from the floor, while similar berths could be lowered from the roof by undoing a simple fastening. The appearance of the compartment exactly resembles that of a four-berthed state-room on board a passenger steamer. Experience has, however, suggested several improvements in details, and these will soon be, if they are not already, carried out. It strikes one as rather singular that some of these improvements were not thought of by the original designers of the carriage, such, for instance, as the hanging of screens in front of each berth to secure greater privacy to the occupants. Bed clothes are also to be provided, and, as it is supposed four berths are too many to have in one compartment, it has been resolved to limit them to future to two. Indeed, at present, in all the compartments, save one, of each carriage the top berths are permanently fastened up, and in that exceptional case they are only used when there is greater demand than usual for accommodation. The composite carriage attached to the limited mail contains four compartments—a third, a second, a first and a sleeping compartment. The third and second are little different from the same classes in other carriages, only they are rather more spacious, and are perhaps a little better finished. Accommodation is provided in the first-class compartment for only three passengers, the seats, which are finely cushioned, occupying the whole of one side, while on the opposite side there is a small closet with lavatory and other conveniences. The disposition of the sleeping compartments is precisely similar, and a cursory inspection of it would not reveal any other difference than this—that the space from partition to partition is greater, and the seats broader from the front to the back. There is no appearance of any special arrangement for sleeping till the attendant undoes a fastening at the top of a cushion at the back of the seat, when the whole framework of the seat, moving on hinges, comes down, and the back coming into a horizontal position, discloses on the reverse side, which is uppermost, a comfortable spring bed. This carriage has only been running since the end of last summer. At the same time there were put on the line day saloon carriages for the through journey. Similar in size and outward appearance to the others, they are divided into two compartments or saloons, one of which is reserved for gentlemen and the other for ladies. Each saloon has comfortable accommodation for about nine passengers, and they are admirably adapted for parties of travelers. The seats are arranged round the sides of the saloon, the one which runs transversely, as in the ordinary carriage, being divided by jointed arms, while those which run along the sides of the carriage might be better described as couches. At the end of the compartment a small door gives access to the lavatory. The communication between passenger and guard still remains a difficulty, which is attempted to be met only by the ineffectual cord, which nobody can reach when most needed. This difficulty will always remain a stumbling-block until end entrances to carriages become universal. The advantages of end entrances are so manifold that nothing but

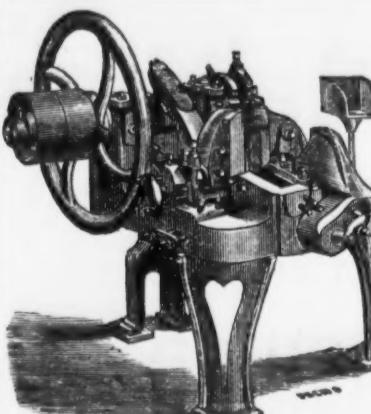
the fact that the wrong pattern has become the rule obstructs their introduction. At present, half the doors on our railways are continually useless, and when one considers the amount of capital lying idle in the construction of one-half the doors in the rolling stock of the country, with all the complicated workmanship involved in a door—its hinges, its windows, its locks, its handles and straps—and, above all, the manual labor expended in locking it when it is on the off-side or the line, it is difficult to understand why double side doors should be continued. The only reason we have heard for the multitude of side doors is the ease with which carriages are emptied by them. But in the new saloons we have noticed above this reason is departed from, for we have only one door for the whole contents of the saloon. The absence of side doors, and the use of end entrances instead, is economical, adds strength to the carriage, and provides complete communication throughout the train. Moreover, it provides more seats. We confidently look to the adoption of end entrances as the next step in railway carriage reform.

Industrial Art.

We find the following sensible recommendations in the last annual address of Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania: "I have heretofore earnestly pointed out the growing necessity for industrial art education. First, through the public schools, by the introduction of mechanical and freehand drawing; secondly, by night schools for adults, and thirdly, by special schools of industrial design for all classes. Museums, art galleries and other public collections are also important forces in industrial education. Such institutions in England, France, Germany and other European countries are regarded as an essential element in national progress, and are mostly under the patronage of the government. Intelligence is becoming more and more a most important element in every department of industry. In this respect our educational system is wholly deficient. It turns out lawyers, doctors, preachers, and professional men in superabundance, while there is a startling dearth of intelligent farmers, manufacturers, miners, and mechanics. A few of the states have started forward in the cause of industrial education, by introducing drawing into their public schools, and providing museums and schools of design. The large and varied industries of Pennsylvania demand a similar liberality. The Centennial year has brought us the opportunity, and placed the materials for beginning at our disposal. The Geological Survey of the State has collected a mass of specimens, which is now hid away in boxes and wholly useless instead of being a source of instruction to the people. The Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, modeled after the celebrated South Kensington Museum, of London, has secured Memorial Hall in which to form an art library; special collections, illustrative of industrial processes, and a thorough system of instruction in the arts of design as applied to manufactures, accompanied by general and technical lectures. In this, they are about to place the nucleus of a collection gathered in the rich field of the Centennial Exposition, intended to promote the improvement of American industrial art. I trust these efforts will not escape your notice. Some means ought to be devised to make available the rich collection of the Geological Survey. And you will no doubt seriously consider whether in the case of the Museum and Industrial School the State ought not to extend a hand to place upon a firm foundation a work of so much public utility.

Dillwyn Smith's Automatic Stoker.—The automatic stoker of Mr. Dillwyn Smith, which is described at length in our issue of October 26, 1876, and in still more recent date, has lately been subjected to some interesting tests at Messrs. Collins & Co.'s Works in Philadelphia. The fuel used was anthracite and bituminous coal, so small in both cases as to be of little value for most purposes. The price was, we believe, 20 per cent. below that of the steam coal commonly applied under the same boiler. In addition to this economy of material there was a gain of some 10 per cent. in the efficiency of the boiler using the coal. In the matter of clinkers, ash, &c., a considerable gain was effected by using the two kinds of fuel mixed, the result being better than when either kind was used alone. We judge from the reports that have come to us that Mr. Smith's claims for the stoker have been considerably exceeded in practice. Mr. Smith has employed the best talent in perfecting the mechanical details of his invention, and it merits the favorable consideration of steam users.

Tin Foil.—It may not be generally known that tin foil, as now so widely used in the trade, is not a foil made of tin alone, but composed mainly of lead with a slight alloy of tin. The manifold appliance of tin foil to articles of consumption and medicine is not regulated with us by any law such as exists in European countries, forbidding the use of lead or composition, or otherwise impure tin foil in all cases where it may, through oxidation or contact with the goods, become poisonous and injurious to the health of the consumers. Too little attention has been paid to this subject so far. It is to be hoped that ignorance, and not willful oversight of the facts, has led many manufacturers and dealers to use an article accompanied with such risks for the sake of saving a trifle in the cost. Beside this saying is, in most instances, imaginary, as the German pure tin foil combines such a fineness and large yield, with relatively great softness and strength, that it will practically answer most purposes, and not cost more than an equal surface of the lightest composition foil, while all heavier grades of the latter will be much more expensive to use. The yield of the regular German pure tin foil is 72 square feet or 10,368 square inches per pound; a heavier grade yields 66 square feet. The sheets are large sized, and waste in cutting is consequently small.



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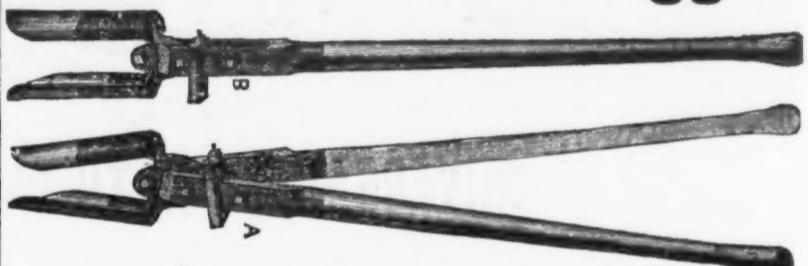
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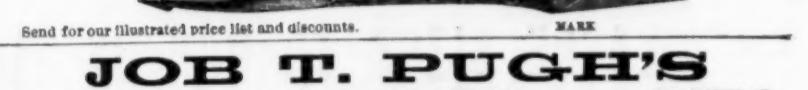
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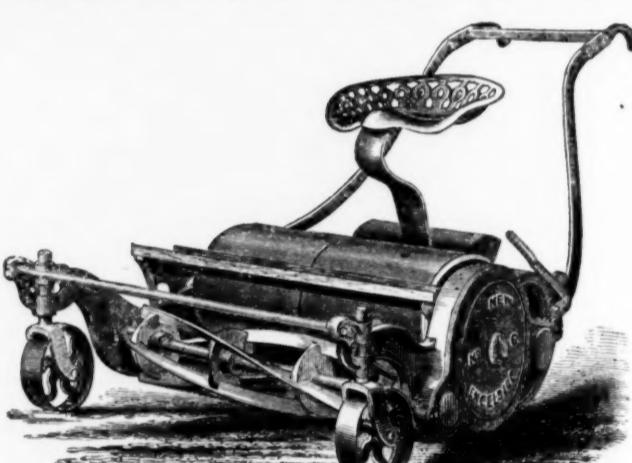
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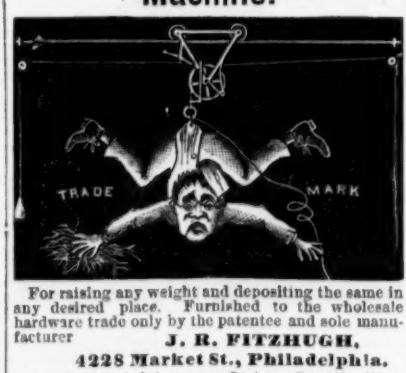
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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 14, 1877.

The financial markets have been disturbed during the week by the failure of the effort to bolster up the credit of New Jersey Central, and the final collapse of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal and Navigation Company. The interests of these corporations have been closely allied, and both are involved in the ruin which has overtaken the coal mining and carrying interests of the country. With regard to the N. J. Central, it may be said briefly that Mr. Knight, the president, informed the stockholders that unless they could advance \$3,000,000, the company must accept the inevitable alternative of bankruptcy. He proposed to secure the \$5,000,000 he asked for by depositing in a Philadelphia trust company \$5,000,000 Lehigh and Wilkesbarre bonds. These at the time of the proposal were selling at 56 in the market, or would have been security to the amount of \$2,800,000. The proposal was not accepted, and the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre was put in charge of three receivers to represent the creditors. When this became known, and further that the Jersey Central must follow in the same course, there was a panic in the securities of the company, Jersey Central stock falling to 18½, the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre bonds to 36, the Jersey Central Convertible bonds to 59, and the Consolidated Firsts to 65. There was also a large decline in other stocks, the largest having been in Delaware and Hudson Canal.

Another event of importance was the Treasury call for \$10,000,000 more 5-20s, with notice that interest thereon would cease May 12th. The bonds called all come within what is known as old 65s, of which \$70,000,000 are still outstanding. The bond market has been firm, but the decline in gold has brought down quotations a trifle.

The local money market has been abundantly supplied, with rates 3 @ 4 per cent, to borrowers on call. The discount rate on prime mercantile paper is 3½ @ 5 per cent.

The course of the gold market is shown in the following comparison of the daily fluctuations:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.	105 1/2	105 1/2
Friday.	105 1/2	105 1/2
Saturday.	106	105 1/2
Monday.	105 1/2	105 1/2
Tuesday.	105 1/2	105 1/2
Wednesday.	105 1/2	105 1/2

The stock market has been alternately weak and steady, but in the main weak. The principal dealings have been in N. J. Central, Western Union, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Lake Shore and Delaware and Hudson Canal.

The foreign trade movements for the week are shown in the following tables:

IMPORTS.

For the week ended Feb. 10:

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Total for week	\$6,601,929	\$5,210,518	\$4,570,886
Prev. reported.	31,761,634	34,457,274	29,578,279
Since Jan. 1...	\$38,366,560	\$39,667,793	\$34,149,165

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value.
Arms...	25	\$250
Brass goods...	7	678
Bismuth...	4	1,540
Bronzes...	7	1,464
Chains and Anchors...	48	1,888
Copper...	234	1,248
Cutlery...	61	18,348
Guns...	120	9,414
Hardware...	16	2,146
Iron pig, tons...	100	1,853
Iron, other, tons...	86	6,507
Metal goods...	73	8,051
Nails...	5	1,448
Needles...	.5	974
Old metal...	2,673	1,596
Pew. caps...	10	1,596
Saddlery...	6	1,542
Steel...	328	7,756
Spelter...	110,000	3,366
Tin, boxes...	3,366	18,146
Tin, 633 slabs...	66,500	10,867
Wire...	34	3,780
Zinc...	1,088	101

EXPORTS EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For the week ended Feb. 13:

	1875.	1876.	1877.
For the week...	\$3,953,584	\$3,446,293	\$4,977,839
Previously reported.	26,806,051	29,558,819	35,871,508
Since Jan. 1...	\$40,758,635	\$32,998,607	\$40,849,347

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

For the week ended Feb. 10:

	Iron.	Brass.
On orders amounting to less than \$100...	60%	55%
On orders amounting to \$100 and over...	60&5%	55&5%
On orders amounting to \$250 and upward...	60&7½%	55&7½%

We beg to assure you that every effort shall be made to execute orders in the best possible manner, both as regards prices, qualities and time.

Thanking you for past favors, and relying upon your continued confidence and support,

GENERAL HARDWARE.

Trade continues to improve, and this market may be reported fairly active for both Domestic and Foreign Hardware.

The auction sale of Cutlery by the Association of Table Cutlery Manufacturers of the United States, notice of which has been given in these columns, commenced yesterday and attracted a large attendance of buyers from almost every section of the country. The bidding has been spirited, and the result of the sale is generally conceded to be entirely satisfactory to the makers. Many instances are reported where goods have brought better figures than were obtained for the same patterns sold as job lots a few months ago. Among the buyers present, dealers in Queensware were largely represented, and a considerable portion of the Cutlery sold was for their account.

The demand for Nails is slightly improved, and the price continues at the combination rate established by the Association of Nail Manufacturers of the Atlantic States, viz., \$8 per keg for 10d. to 6d., with an allowance of 10 cents per kg on orders for 100 kegs and over.

It is rumored that makers outside of the combination have offered to shade the above mentioned figures.

We are informed that the Perlin & Gaff Mfg. Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, have arranged with the patentee of the Lull & Porter Blind and Shutter Hinges for the exclusive right to manufacture these goods in the United States, and they will defend the patents covering the goods against all infringers.

A fire occurred in the large establishment of John C. Jewett & Sons, Buffalo, N. Y., on the night of the 6th instant. By their card, which we print below, it will be seen that their business will suffer no interruption in consequence:

BUFFALO, Feb. 7th, 1877.

Last night the Ellicott street portion of our works was destroyed by fire. We were fortunate in saving the Washington street portion intact. This part contains manufactured stock sufficient to fill all orders until we rebuild, which we commence to do at once. Our business will suffer no interruption, and any orders you may favor us with will have prompt attention.

Yours, respectfully,
JOHN C. JEWETT & SONS.

Harrison Bros. & Howson, of Sheffield, England, and No. 26 Cliff street, New York, have issued the following circular, under date of 9th inst.:

NEW YORK, Feb. 9, 1877.

In consequence of the death of Mr. Corsan, we desire to inform you that we have appointed Mr. W. C. Burkinshaw our sole agent in the United States.

We beg to assure you that every effort shall be made to execute orders in the best possible manner, both as regards prices, qualities and time.

Thanking you for past favors, and relying upon your continued confidence and support,

Yours, very truly,
HARRISON BROS. & HOWSON.

They have also issued a circular inviting the attention of the trade to their assortment of Ivory Table and Dessert Knives, Stag Carvers, Butchers' Knives, Table and Pocket Cutlery, Scissors, Razors, &c. Messrs. Harrison Bros. & Howson have lately added to their assortment a new Irovide Knife, which they claim is not surpassed for quality, durability of handle and general appearance by any similar goods in the market. They have in stock a beautiful line of Pearl Handled Knives and kindred goods, which are worthy the attention of buyers.

Alfred Field & Co., No. 93 Chambers street, have issued a circular under date of 15th inst., from which we extract the following:

Our discounts on Flat-Head Iron and Brass Wood Screws are as follows:

	Iron.	Brass.
On orders amounting to less than \$100...	60%	55%
On orders amounting to \$100 and over...	60&5%	55&5%
On orders amounting to \$250 and upward...	60&7½%	55&7½%

We have in stock all sizes.

We beg to call the attention of the trade to a full line of Greave's Sheep Shears, same numbers and patterns as Wilkinson's, quite as good in quality, and very much less in price.

The Pittsfield Tack Co. have established a warehouse in this city at No. 100 Chambers street, where they will carry in stock a full line of goods of their manufacture. Orders will be filled either from stock or factory, as may be desired. The business will be in charge of Fernald & Sise.

J. Clark Wilson & Co. have been appointed agents for Clark & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., manufacturers of Wire Cloth, Sieves, &c. We refer our readers for further particulars regarding this line of goods to their advertisement on page 18.

The Metropolitan Washing Machine Co., No. 32 Corbin street, show in their advertisement on page 17, illustrations of the various styles of Clothes Wringer manufactured by them. By those familiar with this line of goods it will be observed that a small family size Universal Wringer, numbered 2½, has been added to their assortment since the publication of their last price list. This Wringer is offered to the trade at \$63 per dozen. It has Rowell's Cog

Wheels on both sides, rolls 10x1¼ inches, and has the same frame as the No. 2 Universal Wringer. They also present illustrations of Doty's Improved Clothes Washer, Union Washing Machines, Eagle Washer and American Mangles. The prices for all of these goods are also given.

The Greenfield Tool Co., Greenfield, Mass., have issued the following discount sheet to apply to their revised price list of 1872:

GREENFIELD TOOL COMPANY.

Trade Discount Sheet for 1872.

From Revised List of 1872—The Lowest in Use.

Page in Catalogue. Discount, per cent.

3 to 4. Ditch Planes, "White River" 3d Grade, 30%.

3 to 4. Bench Planes, "New York" 3d Grade, 30%.

3 to 15. Bench Planes, "G. T. Co." 1st Grade, 30%.

3 to 7. Bench Planes, "G. T. Co." with Edge Irons, 30%.

70. Bench Planes, "G. T. Co." without Irons, 30%.

3 to 15. Bench Planes, "G. T. Co." Polished, all kinds, 30%.

15 to 20. Molding Planes and Plows, all kinds, 1st Grade, 30%.

69. Plane and Saw Handles, 30%.

66 to 67. Gages, 30%.

74. Plane Iron, "Diamond" Stamp, 30%.

74. Plane Iron, "Mason Bros.", 30%.

74. Plow Bits, Molding and Rabbit Irons, 30%.

74. Match Cases, Fillister and Dado Irons, 30% net.

74. Plane Case, Stops, &c., 30% net.

74. Patent Adjustable Gauge for Plane, each \$1 net.

74. Patent Concave Form Ox-Shoes, per lb. 12c. net.

74. Patent Bread Cutters, 30%.

We shall keep no stock hereafter of Handles from Inv. No. 830 to 878, and Rules, &c., from page 76 to 83 of Catalogue.

We now manufacture Solid Steel Table Knives and Forks, Fruit Knives and Nut Picks, in great variety; all silver plated. Also, Solid Ivory, Rubber and Bone Handled Table Cutlery, all of which are warranted equal to any similar goods made.

We are not connected with any combination, and it will be to the advantage of dealers to send for our quotations before placing their orders.

Prices for Cutlery given to dealers on

producing. The Esperance forces have availed themselves of this closing up of their nearest competitors, and have thus been able to screw up prices one franc, but this is a purely local and exceptional case. Work in most of our establishments is continued chiefly for the purpose of not discharging the men, and in order to have them at hand for any sudden revival; no price is now obtained is remunerative. The men's position out of work is so bad that it is questionable that daily multiple hands fail to bring mills offer their services for a mere song. We know an establishment near Lieges, employing 450 operatives, yet within the past few days 373 men out of employ applied there for work. A reduction of salaries is now becoming more and more general; thus at Charleroi they have been cut down 5 per cent. the larger ones between 10 and 12 per cent. At Liege employees have even gone further, and in many cases have resorted to a cutting down of 15 to 20 per cent.—facily submitted to. The workmen of Belgium are now quite reasonable; they fully appreciate the critical period we are traversing, and console themselves with hoping for better times, and it is to be hoped that a similar state of affairs may not be indefinitely prolonged. The Belgian government has recently received an order from South America for a railroad bridge. This order has been obtained by the Liege Syndicate, an association of manufacturers, which passed the order for execution to the said company.

GERMANY.

(Borsenhalle).

HAMBURG, Jan. 27, 1877.—Metals.—The situation is still far from being a satisfactory one. The evils which we are suffering are too deeply seated to be easily removed. The largely increased manufacturing facilities in Germany and neighboring countries, and the large increase of exports to foreign markets, have led to excessive production, and the equilibrium between the supply and demand can only be restored by a revival of confidence in the future. As long as the political horizon is overcast we shall look in vain for such a restoration of confidence. The consequence is that speculation is virtually extinct, and that dealers and consumers only buy from hand-to-mouth. Metals, particularly silver from these causes, Copper has, however, been ill in the market, but the transactions cannot be called large. Prices are sustained. Berlin is quiet at the following quotations: English and Australian, 80 to 87 marks; the 50 kilos., and Mansfield, 89 to 90. At Stettin, English Tough Cake is quoted 82 to 85. We have no change to report from here, and quote as heretofore: Minnesota, 105; Quincy, 95; English Tough Cake, 87. Tin has been steadily going up, and English Tin Barca commands 80 to 85, and English Refined 80 to 80. We are here 85 to 87 with Barca and 83 with English. Lead is firm in our markets; in Berlin it commands 22 to 22 1/2 to 24; ditto sheet, 24 to 25 to 25. Spelter.—Nothing has transpired in this metal. It is difficult to determine which way prices will probably tend. If a revival does not soon manifest itself, we shall probably have to proceed for some giving way. Berlin quotes 23 to 23 1/2 for good quality Silesian, and Stettin 23 to 24. Here spot Spelter is worth 22-23, while futures are bringing 23. The foregoing quotations are for 50 kilos.

HOLLAND.

(Koch & Thierboom)

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 27, 1877.—Tin.—Prices are weak and slowly declining. Barca Tin could probably be procured at 45½ guilders, but we doubt whether this would be a safe purchase. The dealings during the week have amounted to very little. In Billiton some business has been done at 44½. The general demand is insignificant, everybody preferring to postpone action till the Netherland Trading Society's sale comes off on the 31st instant.

AUSTRALIA.

Mining News.

SYDNEY (New South Wales), Jan. 6, 1877.—Tin.—The working of Tin continues to attract a large amount of attention in Australia. Both in Tasmania and in Australia, properly so called, the amount of Tin Ore which awaits utilization would seem to be very considerable, although of course time, capital and labor are all required to insure its being turned to good and profitable account. In Tasmania the tin mines of the Vegetable Creek Tin Mine has attracted considerable notice. The Great Britain Mine embraces 620 acres of land, which have been converted into a mineral conditional purchase. This valuable property is situated at the head of the Vegetable Creek, and the mining is being carried on upon the property on a large scale. Numerous Tin mines on the east and northeast coasts of Tasmania are worked upon, and the returns are remunerative, being those in the hands of co-operative associations. The most prominent are the Full Moon, the All Nations, the Union and the Black Boy, but several others are yielding handsome and many fair returns. Now that a road has been made from Ringarooma up to Port Ringarooma a large trade is springing up at that port, and during October 2486 bags of Ore were shipped there. The last consignment of total quantity of Ore received in Launceston from the east and northeast coast of Tasmania was 4311 bags, about 210 tons, and other shipments were daily expected. Beside this nearly 100 tons were shipped at George's Bay for Hobart Town, and were sent from thence to this city. The smelting works of the Mount Bischoff Company have not been idle; two furnaces were indeed, but still very occupied, and the company hope before long to have four constantly at work.

NEW CALEDONIA.

(La Patrie).

NOUMEA, Dec. 20, 1876.—Nickel.—The Nickel mines in this colony are in a high state of prosperity. The principal ones are situated in the eastern portion of the island, and among them the Ballard mine, at Onclaw, deserves special mention, as well as the mine of Mr. Hartman at Kainou. The demand for ore for shipment to Europe exceeds our present capacity of production. The Bank of Noumea advances to producers £25 per ton on all ore assaying 10 per cent. of metal. Active steps have been taken to procure more capital in England. This accomplished, and we trust that our facilities for meeting the growing demand both for coining and industrial purposes which this metal affords, will be ample enough. The distance from here to Sydney (New South Wales) is 1030 miles, which is made by steam in four days.

Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

SHEFFIELD, Eng., Jan. 29, 1877.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

is now a little less prominent, owing to the dissolution of the Constantinople conference, and the departure thence of the diplomats with their hangers on. There is a general impression here that Russia will not fight at present, but no very long period will elapse before the whole question will be reopened and settled by force of arms. It is said that Prince Bismarck has expressed his unmilitant astonishment that Great Britain does not at once take possession of Egypt and hold it in protectorate. The idea is not bad and may some day be acted upon, but at present there does not appear to be any immediate reason why we should annex the land of Pharaoh. Some wicked people suggest that the German Prince would not be sorry to see us quarrel with France on the subject—hence this delicate hint.

TRADE PROSPECTS.

are, on the whole, a little more cheerful than when I last stained paper on your behalf. This is partly the result of the buying for the quarter, and also by reason of the stimulus which the rail and foundry branches are certainly ex-

periencing. Many people think that we may now look forward to a revival, which may possibly become pronounced by the beginning of autumn. In the iron trade proper prices remain steady, and in some cases are rather higher.

THE WEATHER.

Like the poor, is always with us. Hitherto we have had no winter in the ordinary acceptance of the term, Jupiter Pluvius having maintained his ascendancy for about four months past. There was a change yesterday, however, and some snow has fallen during the night. We want a heavy snowfall to protect and foster our cereals crops and the grass lands.

SERIOUS FIRES

have taken place in various parts of the country during the week, so that I hereby solemnly recant the opinion that hot weather is most productive of conflagrations. At a village near Nantwich, in Cheshire, an old man and woman were burned to death in their own house. At Bradford the fine cloth mill of Mr. H. W. Ripley was almost entirely destroyed, the damage being estimated at about £35,000. At Milnrow, West Yorkshire, the Ladyhouse Cotton Mill was destroyed, with damages put down at £15,000. This place was burned in less than two hours, a fact which supports what I have occasionally said as to the mode of constructing such places. Then, again, at Spen, near Cleckheaton, the Butts Fannal & Co., mills were destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at £17,000.

TERRIBLE COLLIEY ACCIDENTS

continue to occur in this country, notwithstanding all the efforts of science and experience to obviate them. It may be said, indeed, that they are preventable, but that carelessness and cupidity promote them. The latest case is that which took place at the Stoneyhill Colliery of Messrs. Roseow, near Bolton, in Lancashire, where the coal took fire and 18 miners were suffocated. As is invariably the case where these "accidents" happen, the mine is reported to have been "remarkably free from gas," believed to be one of the safest pits in the district, and "all that sort of thing," so that naked lights were in use throughout all the workings. It is asserted, however, that this accident did not originate in an explosion, but owing to the ignition of a tarred bretche cloth by a careless lamp lad. In any case, the naked light was the cause. The result was that the coal fired and filled the workings with a dense smoke, which suffocated the 18 men. Near Glasgow, the Station House Colliery was flooded and 4 men drowned. The influx was so great that the surface over the pit was caved in for some 300 yards or more. Beside the men, 15 horses were drowned.

LAST WEEK'S EXPLOSIONS

were fortunately only fatal in one instance, albeit they were rather numerous. The exception was at Dewsbury, where an explosion at the gas works killed one man and did a great amount of damage. At the Normont slate quarries, Jersey, a quantity of blasting powder prematurely "burst up," and so seriously injured two men that they are not expected to live. At the doubtless pretty mining village of Shireyrow, near Durham, four persons who were engaged in making blasting cartridges were attacked by the rebellious powder, and now lament the occurrence—and some of their limbs. Lastly, so far as this present record goes, an explosion of fire damp took place at the Sirhowy Colliery, Monmouthshire, whereby three men were dreadfully injured. Cause—a naked light.

A FAILURE

in the shipbuilding trade has occurred at Birkenhead, where Messrs. Bowdler & Chaffer have filed their petition, with liabilities stated to amount to £55,000.

STEEL AND IRON MAKING ECONOMY.

At a recent meeting of the Leeds Foremen Engineers' Society, Mr. Walker (of the eminent firm of Tannett, Walker & Co., Leeds) alluded to Mr. L. Lowthorn Bell's new process for making steel from ordinary iron and ridding it from phosphorus in the Bessemer converter before it reached the puddling furnace. Mr. Walker continuing, said that when the iron trade recovered ironmasters would experience great difficulties from the want of puddlers. At least 5000 puddlers had been turned away in the Midlandshire district, and most of these had been absorbed in other occupations in other districts. This difficulty could be avoided by using nothing but hematite iron, because they could do away with puddling by the Bessemer process. If hematite iron were to rise very much in price, Mr. Bell's process would become valuable one; but so long as there was only £1 or 30/- difference in price between the two classes of iron it would scarcely pay to adopt Mr. Bell's extra process. The Bessemer process was undoubtedly the simplest of all for doing away with puddling, and all that was required was iron free from phosphorus and sulphur. A good deal had been said about Belgium and America being likely to run this country a very close race in the manufacture of iron and steel. He was thoroughly convinced that, so far as the manufacture of pig iron was concerned, it would be very difficult for any country to beat us. He thought there was considerable improvement to be made in the manufacture of wrought iron, and the furnaces, as a rule, consumed far too much coal. Still, we could make bar iron more cheaply than any other country. A good trade could be done with America if only the tariff were taken off. The Americans were quite wrong in maintaining the new tariff, which was the protection of a few to the injury of the many. With regard to the saving of coal, he was convinced that the whole of the steam engines in use were to be thrown on the scrap heap and replaced by new ones, a saving of 10 per cent. on the outlay could be effected. The saving of coal, so far as steam engines were concerned, was to be effected by having high pressures, and that meant better boilers.

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been rather steadier during the week, but the shipments have not been large and the stock continues to increase, there being now over 116,000 tons in Connal's stocks at Glasgow.

Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co. say that "there has been a better feeling, not caused by any improvement in the demand, but by an impression that Scotch iron is worth holding at present prices."

Messrs. James Watson & Co. (Glasgow, Jan. 26) report that "the market for Scotch pig iron opened firm this week, business being done at 56 10/4 to 57 1/2 cash. Since then it has been steadily closing quiet, however, this afternoon at 56 10/4 nominally. Shipments last week were 5141 tons, against 6288 tons in the corresponding week of 1876." We quote:

No. 1. No. 4.

G. M. B., at Glasgow.....	57 9	55 3
Gartsherrie, 44	60	58 3
Coltness, 44	56	54 3
Summerlee, 44	63 6	56 6
Langton, 44	64	57
Carrbrooke, 44	59	56
Calder, at Port Dundas.....	63 6	56 6
Glengarnock, at Ardrossan.....	63	56 6
Edinburgh, 44	56 6	54 6
Dumbarton, 44	56 6	54 6
Shotts, at Leith.....	64	58
Kinnel at Boness.....	58 6	54 6

Messrs. J. E. Swan & Brothers' prices cur-

rent of the same date gives Gartsherrie No. 1 at 63; Coltness No. 1, 66; Glengarnock No. 1, 61; and Eglington, 58. There are now 116 furnaces in blast in Scotland, as against 117 at the same date last year. Freights remain as before, at 2/- from Glasgow to New York.

TRADE OF SHEFFIELD.

The week has passed over very quietly, and there are still no signs of any particular change for the better in the iron trade proper. In some quarters there is certainly the hopeful feeling, of which I have spoken several times recently, but realization is as yet deferred, and appears to be still a matter of the future.

THE METAL MARKETS

have remained quiet, speculation having been checked by the Eastern crisis.

Von Dadelszen & North report that in "Copper, Chill bars have been flat, and were sold at £74, 10/- for g. o. b., up to £75 for picked brands. The charters for the first fourteen days of January were 1700 tons, of which 750 tons were for America, 100 tons for Europe and remainder for England. The Wallaroo, in public sale, was sold at an average of £83, 2/4 per cakes, and £83, 5 1/2 per ingots; the Burra was sold at from £79 to £80, chiefly at £79, 17 6. Part of the E. S. K. was sold at £79, 17 6, the remainder being withdrawn thereat; the Mountberry was sold at £79, 12 6. The last sales of Wallaroo were at £83, and of Burra at £80, English dull, tough quoted £80 to £81; select, £82 to £83; strong sheets, £87. Tin has been quiet, and with small sales of Straits at £75, and Australian at £73, 10/-; 50 tons of Australian for distant arrival were done at £73. In Holland, Banca quoted 45/-, and Billiton sold at 44/-; English ingots £78. Tin plates are quiet. Lead steady, £21, 15/- to £22. Spelter dull, £21 to £21, 5/-. Quicksilver, £8 to £8 1/2 per bottle. Antimony, £56."

The Mining Journal remarks: "Copper.—Prices have ruled steady, with little or no variation. Chill, £74, g. o. b.'s cash. Special brands, £74, 10/- to £75, 10/- Wallaroo, £83, Burra, £80. Lead.—The demand is limited, but the market keeps steady, and there is no change in quotations either for English or Spanish. Spelter.—The market has been inactive, and prices are unimproved. Quicksilver.—Sales continue to be made in this metal at £8, at which a moderate inquiry exists."

Latest Liverpool prices are:

Tin: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Merchant bar.....	6	15	0	6	17	6
Merchant bar, in Wales.....	6	5	0	6	17	6
Derbyshire.....	5	0	0	5	10	0
Hoover.....	5	0	0	5	9	0
Sheets.....	9	5	0	10	0	0
Nail rods.....	7	10	0	8	0	0
Bar, best crown.....	7	5	0	8	0	0
Boiler plates.....	9	5	0	10	10	0

Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Charcoal, I. C.	1	3	0	1	7	0
Coke, I. C.	0	19	0	1	2	0

Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.

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Wm. G. Neilson, Esq., late secretary of the Centennial Committee of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, has been appointed general manager of the Standard Steel Works, at Lowtown, Mifflin county. The Philadelphia office is No. 213 South Fourth street.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Baldwin, have received an order for 1000 tons of hammered steel rails. Miles of rails are turned out daily, the rail mill being in full operation.

The Paxton Mill, Harrisburg, has resumed work. The Chesapeake Nail Works have 14 puddling furnaces, and consume all the iron they make. The Central Works is a boiler plate mill, and the puddlers are on single turn.

The Glamorgan Iron Company blew in one of their furnaces last week. We understand that it is working satisfactorily.

The Andover Iron Company are blowing out their furnace for repairs.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

A meeting of the Western Nail Association was held in this city Wednesday.

S. D. Hubbard & Co. are quite busy and running their works to full capacity. They have orders for quite a number of their "Eclipse" steam pumps. These pumps are suitable for blast furnaces, rolling mills, mining and oils.

Mansfield & Co., brass founders, &c., of this city are quite busy, with large orders ahead. They have orders for brass and plated equipments for over 400 engines.

Shoenberger & Co. started their nail factory double turn, Monday, the 12th.

The National Tube Works Company, McKeesport, are now supplying quicksilver flasks, which were formerly bought exclusively in England. They are made of very thick tube iron, and will hold about two quarts each.

The Allegheny Car and Transportation Co. are building 150 refrigerator cars for the Pennsylvania Railroad, to be used in carrying meat from Texas to New York.

The attention of the United States District Court was occupied last Saturday by the hearing of an argument on a motion for an injunction in the case of the Phoenix Mfg. Co., of Massachusetts, vs. McCullough, Dalzell & Co., this city. Complainants allege that defendants are manufacturing crucibles for the melting of steel, by a process or in a way in violation of a patent owned by the New England firm. At the conclusion of the argument, which was a lengthy one, complainants withdrew their motion for the injunction.

Messrs. Anderson & Passavant started up the old Wharton Mill on Tuesday morning, the 13th inst. They will only use part of it for making the wire for the East River Bridge.

MARYLAND.

The fire brick works, at Elersville, recently purchased by Messrs. Gardner, Stuart & Co., have been put in complete order for turning out fire brick rapidly. These works were filled up several years ago by Messrs. Reese, Lemon & Co., with a view to extensive operations, being in close proximity to one of the finest and most extensive banks of fire clay in this country, which is connected to the works by a substantial tramway. The works are situated immediately on the line of the Connellsburg branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, six miles northwest of Cumberland, and are now running.

But one of the Catoctin furnaces is in blast making charcoal iron. It is running this month on orders, making about 50 tons per week.

A number of the Baltimore charcoal furnaces have blown out since the first of January in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining stocks of wood during the very severe winter.

VIRGINIA.

The Brown Hill Furnace, in Wythe county, made but a short blast last year, and the iron was sold as fast as made. A short run will be made this year.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The forge department of the new Benwood Mill, at Wheeling, commenced operations on Monday last.

There has been a general reduction in the wages of the employees of the Arlington Stove Works, of Wheeling. The molders' wages have been reduced 7½ per cent., and the laborers from \$1.25 to \$1 per day. The men have accepted the reduction.

The new board of directors of the Benwood Iron Works, organized on Tuesday, the 6th inst., by re-electing all of its old officers, viz., Alex. Langhlin, president; L. S. Delaplaine, vice president, and Major Loring, secretary.

OHIO.

An organization under the name of the Commonwealth Iron Company has been formed, the main office of which is to be located in Cleveland. The stockholders are William H. Harvey, Henry A. Harvey, Edward H. Harvey, Frederick L. Tuttle and Horace A. Tuttle, of Cleveland; Albert H. Tuttle, of Columbus; P. L. Kimberly, of Sharon, Pa.; and Amos E. Kimberly, of Iowa. This company own about 3700 acres of land in the Menomonee iron region. The land is exceedingly rich in ore, two veins of a first-class character having been discovered. One vein, which consists of ore good for Bessemer purposes, is 60 feet wide, and the other is 50 feet in width. On Monday evening, the 5th inst., the company elected the following officers: H. A. Tuttle, president; P. L. Kimberly, vice president, and Major Loring, secretary.

The nail feeding machine patented by R. C. Grant, of Pomeroy, consists of an attachment, which can be adjusted, it is said, to the machine now in use. It turns the plate just as is done in hand feeding, and, in fact, imitates the present process. Further trial will show whether the new machines can be trusted to work alone without a constant watching, which will cost as much as the wages now paid to the plate turners.—*Iron Journal*.

The Akron Beacon says: The chain works formerly owned by Mr. L. Chevrier, but sold on assignee's sale, two weeks ago, have been temporarily rented by him and were again put in operation last Monday. Some 30 men are now employed. There are a number of the workmen who have made chains for Mr. Chevrier for the last 25 years. Mr. Chevrier has every prospect of a good trade, orders for his manufacture being plenty. He is not so desirous of making money as he is of providing means of support for the men who have been faithful to him for so many years.

The Cherry Valley Iron Co., Leetonia, resumed work at their mill on the 10th of January, making only mock bar and billets, the latter for chain iron.

The Leetonia furnaces are both in blast. One of these has been running since it blew in on one grade of pig iron made from native ore, namely, a black band ore. The iron is being used in competition with Scotch pig, and is giving the very best satisfaction.

The Etna Furnace, at Ironton, has been stopped for a couple of days, cleaning out the flues.

The Iron and Steel Co.'s Furnace, at Ironton, will resume operations as soon as their coke arrives, which is expected every day. The company are receiving native ore and they have a great amount on hand. The forge department of the mill is idle at present.

The Belfont Nail Mill, at Ironton, is in full operation, having started their factory up on Monday, the 5th inst.

The new boilers which J. H. Fisher & Co., of Ironton, are putting in for the Lawrence Mill Co. are about completed. It is said that the mill will be in full operation this week.

The Bolt and Spike Works, at Youngstown, resumed operations last Thursday.

A steam hoist for the Jackson Iron Company's blast furnace, at Fayette, Mich., is being built at the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace in Cleveland.

Messrs. Bowler, Maher & Brayton, proprietors of the Cleveland Foundry, are running their works on full time, employing 70 men, mostly on heavy wheels for passenger cars.

The Tuscarawas Coal and Iron Company, manufacturers of foundry pig iron, whose office is in Cleveland, the furnace works being at Canal Dover, are making extensive repairs on the buildings at the latter place. The firm has been accumulating stock of late and if there is a little improvement in the market will blow in speedily. Mr. J. F. Card, of Cleveland, is the president and general manager of the company, and Mr. H. Anderson, of Canal Dover, agent.

The Newark Iron Company, of Newark, offer their rolling mill for sale.

MICHIGAN.

The stock piles at the Michigamme Mine aggregate at present about 22,000 tons, and will be swelled at the present rate of production to 50,000 tons before the opening of navigation.

Campbell & Co., of Ishpeming, at the Superior Boiler Works, are building for the Mitchell Mining Company a new boiler 24 feet long, 54 inches in diameter, with two 18 inch flues; also breeching and smokestack for the same.

The Pioneer Furnace, at Neoguaga, will not blow in for some time—at least, not until the Iron Cliffs Company can dispose of some six thousand tons of pig iron they have on hand.

KENTUCKY.

Mt. Savage Furnace resumed operations last week.

The nail factory department of the Norton Iron Works, at Ashland, went to work on Monday morning, the 5th inst., and will continue on for about two weeks, at which time it is probable that all of the departments will start and continue on as long as business will justify. The furnace is working poorly and making but a small quantity of iron, but that of a good quality. They have shipped since the opening of navigation 5475 kegs of nails and 811 tons of pig metal. The Ashland Furnace is working finely, making from 35 to 38 tons of iron of good quality per 24 hours, being tapped every 8 hours.

TENNESSEE.

The Chattanooga Iron Co. have no stock of iron on hand uncoated, and have 800 to 1000 tons sold ahead. This furnace is making a very enviable reputation for the character of its product.

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Rome has a successful plow factory, turning out a hundred plows per week.

DAKOTA.

The North Pacific Company are now forwarding the iron for a 35 mile extension next year, on the west end of the road, and in case the bill extending the time for completion passes, will build 205 miles west from Bismarck next season.—*Bismarck Times*.

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PENNSYLVANIA COAL CO., at New York, 40 cents per ton additional. Deliverable at Weehawken.	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'10	3'60	3'25
Pittston.....	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'10	3'60	3'25
Auction prices.....	3'82	3'82	3'82	3'82	3'45	3'25
DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., at Weehawken, N. J.						
Lackawanna.....	2'75	2'75	2'75	2'75	2'90	3'60
LEHIGH AND WILKES-BARRE COAL CO., f.o.b. at Port Johnson, N. J.						
Old Company's Summit.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
Honey Brook Lehigh.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
Wilkes-Barre.....	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'25
Plymouth Red Ash.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
L. & W. C. CO.'S, Honeybrook Lehigh.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
Scranton.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
Lackawanna.....	2'75	2'75	2'75	2'75	2'90	3'60
FREDERICK A. POTTS, 110 Broadway, New York.—Port Johnson, Elizabeth and Hoboken.						
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L. & W. C. CO.'S, Old Co. Lehigh.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
L. & W. C. CO.'S, Plymouth Red Ash.....	2'85	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'00	3'25
L. & W. C. CO.'S, Honeybrook Lehigh.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
East Spring Mountain.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
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Wilkes-Barre.....	3'75	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25	3'25
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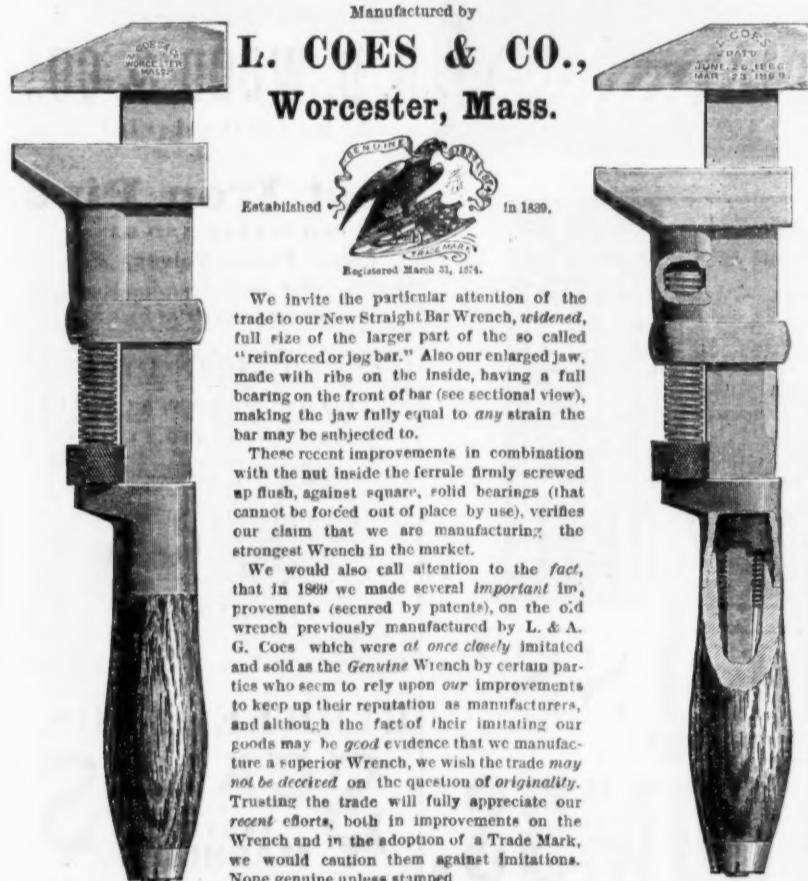
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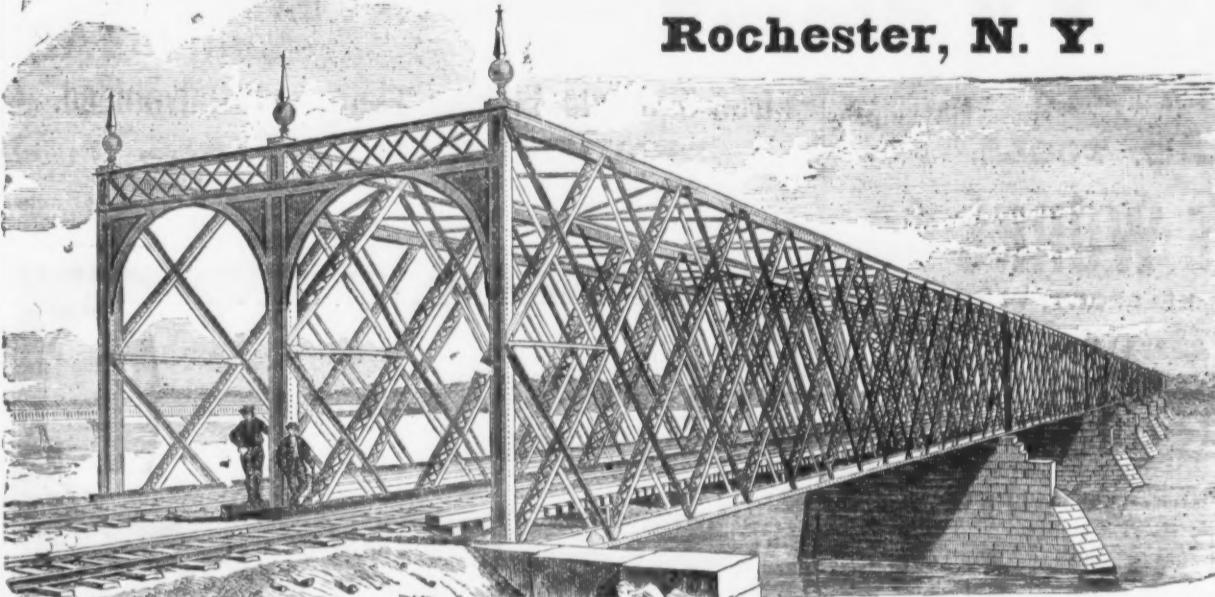
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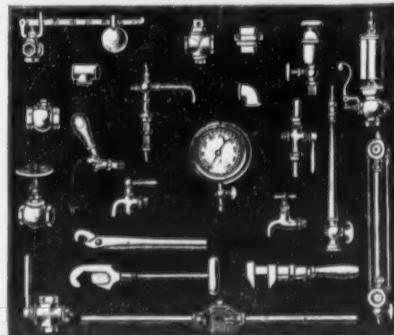
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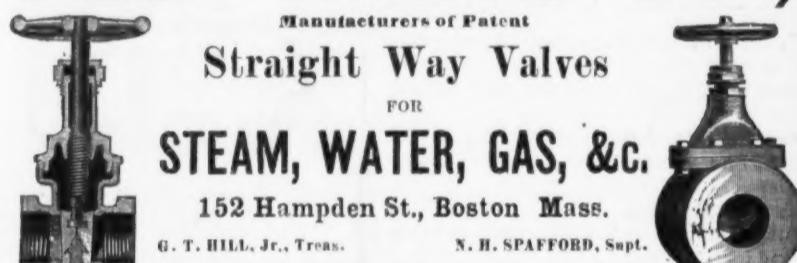
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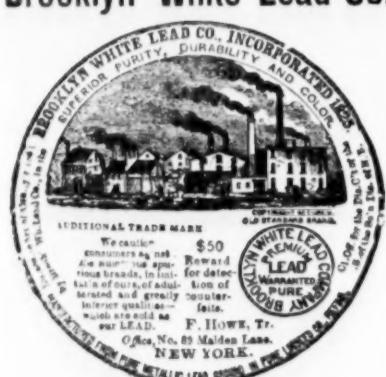


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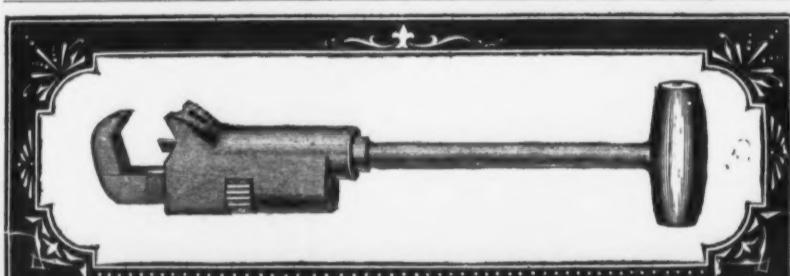
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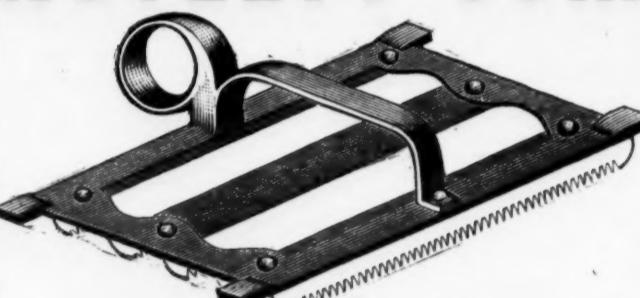
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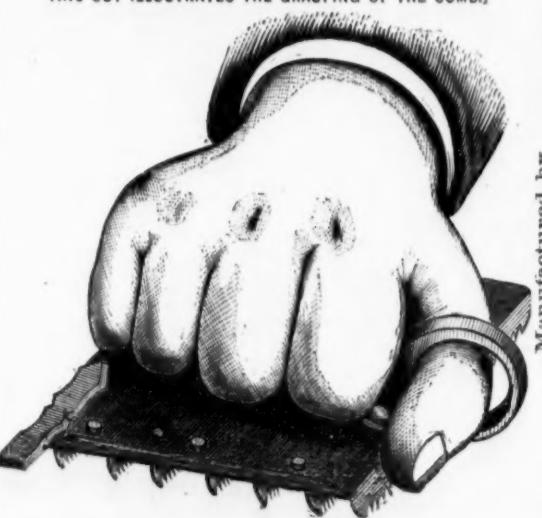
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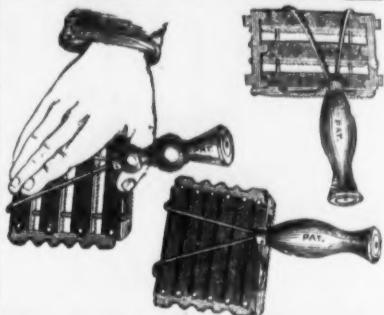
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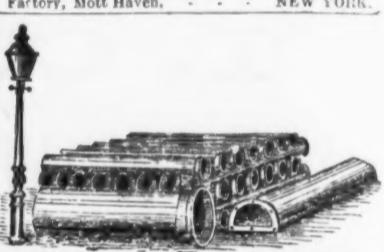
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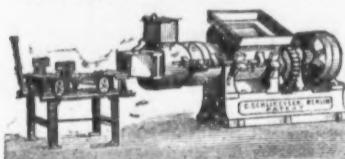
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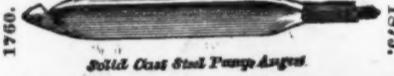
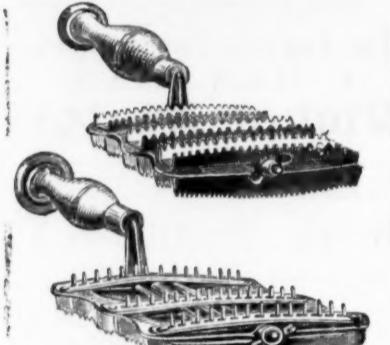
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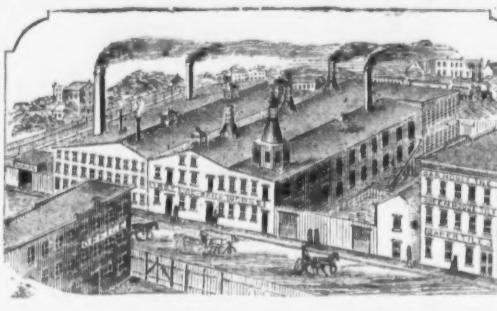
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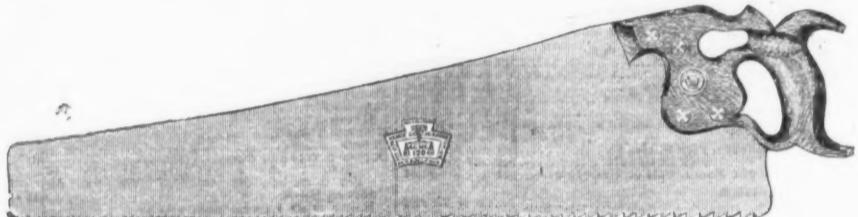
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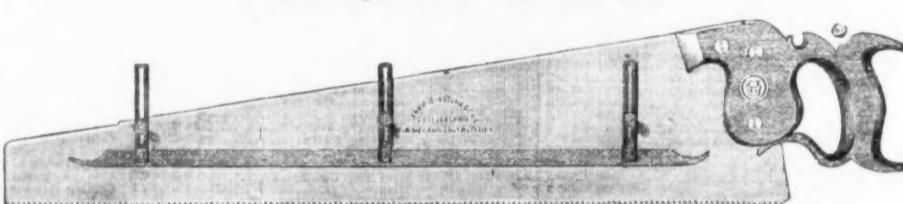
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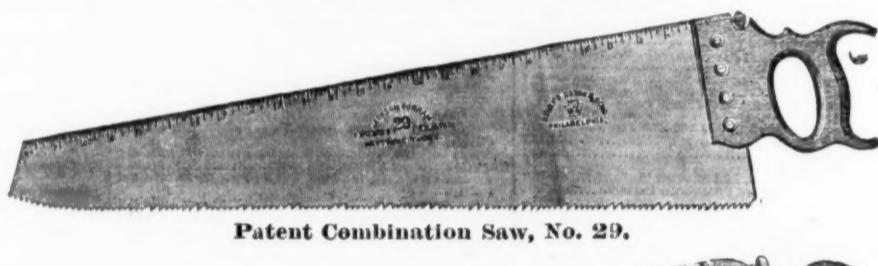
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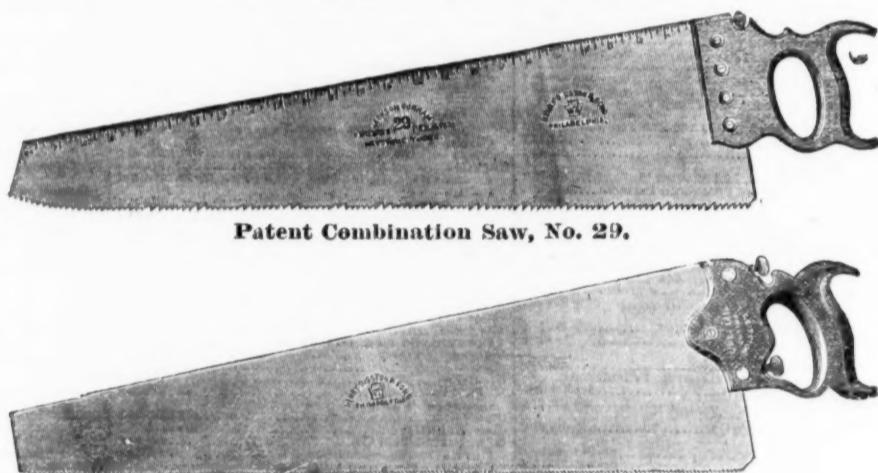
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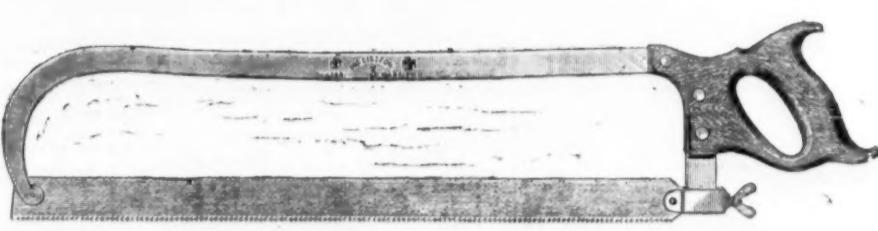
BUTCHERS' BOW BACK SAWS.



No. 1, California Flat Steel Back, Clock Spring Blades.



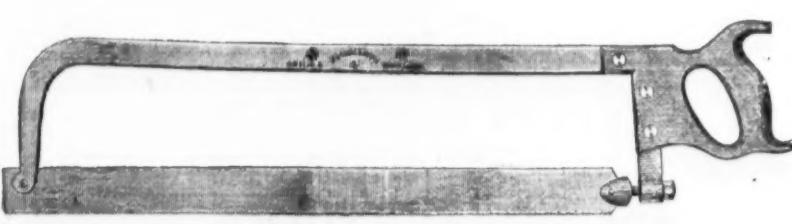
Pork Packers' Saws. Sizes, 14 to 18 inches.



No. 3, Flat Back. Sizes, 16 to 24 inches.



No. 2, California Oval Steel Back. Sizes, 16 to 24 inches.



No. 4, Flat Back. Sizes, 16 to 24 inches.

New York Wholesale Prices, February 14, 1877.

HARDWARE.

Drill Chucks.		each \$8-00, dis 30 %	Rolled Raised.	dis 65-10 %	
Danbury.		each \$10-00, dis 30 %	Wrought Strap and T.	dis 60-5 %	
More's Beach Patent		" Adjustable.	Providence Plate.	dis 40-10 %	
"		each \$10-00, dis 30 %	{ over 10 in. 11c W }	dis 40-10 %	
Emery.			Screw Hook and Strap.	{ 14 in. 12 in. 11c }	dis 40-10 %
Genuine Chester—Regular Nos.		\$ 2 6c	Heavy Welded Hook.	{ 8 to 12 in. 11c }	dis 30 @
"		Flour and FF.		{ 14 in. 16 in. 9c }	dis 30 %
Washington Mills—Regular Nos.		\$ 2 6c	Screw Hook and Eye.	{ 1 1/2 to 1 in. 8c }	net
Wellington Mills, Glass.		\$ 2 6c	"	{ 1 1/2 in. 11c }	net
"		"	Boss.		
Enamelled and Tinmed Ware.			Solid Shank, C. S.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 dis 35 %	
Kettles.			Socket.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 dis 35 %	
Sauce Pans.			Revolving Eye.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 dis 30 %	
Gum Kettles.			Grub.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 dis 25 %	
Tinned Saucepans.			Patent.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 dis 25 %	
Escutcheons.			Scoville Pattern.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 dis 25 %	
Bird Lock.		Same discounts as Door Locks	Hooks.		
Bone Thread.			Bird Cage.	dis 60-10 % 70-10 %	
Wood.			Cot.	dis 60-10 % 70-10 %	
Faucets.			Heit.	dis 60-10 % 70-10 %	
Fenn's.		dis 50 %	Bench Hotchkiss' \$ 25 00 \$ 00 doz.	dis 60-10 %	
" Cork Stoppers.		dis 40 %	" Weston's No. 1, \$8-00; No. 2, \$7-00 per doz net	dis 60-10 %	
Star.		dis 55-10 %	" McGill's.	\$ 2 60 \$ 00 per doz, dis 10 %	
Frary's Patent Petroleum.		dis 20-10 %	Skinner's.	per doz \$25, dis 20 %	
Wood and Metallic.		dis 40 %	Clothes Line.	hart's list.	
Wood, Cork Lined.		dis 65-10 %	" Hart's list.	dis 60-10 %	
Enterprise Mfg. Co., Self-Measuring.		dis 20 %	" Reading list.	dis 60-10 %	
Felice Plates.		\$ 2 13c	" Hart's list.	dis 60-10 %	
Files.		dis 50 %	Coat and Hat, Hart's list.	dis 60-10 %	
American File Co.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	" Sargent's list.	dis 60-10 %	
Arcade File Works.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	" Reading.	dis 40-10 %	
Auburn File Works.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	Horse Nails.	Nos. 5 6 7 8 9 10	
C. B. Paul's.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	Ausable.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c 21c	
Heller & Bros.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	" P't'd & Pol'd.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Hudson File Mfg. Co.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	" & Blued.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Jackson & Turner's.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	Cortland.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Johnson & Turner's Co.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	Globe Pol'd.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Madden & Cockburn File Co.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	National Pointed Head.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Jowitt's.		\$.50 to 2 E currency	Polished, Pat. Fin.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
J. & Riley Carr.		4 to 50 to 10 gold	National, Pointed and	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Stubs.		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Polished.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Butcher's.		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Pointed and	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Waiter Spencer & Co.'s "Diamond".		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Blued.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Fisher's.		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Putnam Hammer F'd.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Moore & Gamble.		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Vulcan, P't'd & Blued.	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
Theo. Turner & Co. (Perkins & Co.).		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Star Strand, 16c.; Morgan	W 2 60 27c 25c 24c 22c	
" Horse Heads.		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Futnum.	500 lbs. dis 5 %	
H. Dillston & Sons.		5 to 10 to 10 gold	Aussie, National and New London.	1000 lbs. dis 7 %	
Limet & Co. (French).		4 to 23 to 10 gold	Perkins' and Vulcan.	1000 lbs. dis 7 %	
Boyton's Cant.		4 to 23 to 10 gold	Perkins', Vulcan and Globe.	500 lbs. dis 5 %	
Fluting Machines.			Horse Shoes.		
Mrs. Coles.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Burke.		
Arcade.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	I. H. Horse Shoe Co., Perkins' improved Light,	* keg. \$4-62c	
Auburn.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Med. and Heavy.	* keg. \$4-62c	
C. B. Paul's.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Perkins' Snow.	* keg. \$4-62c	
Heller & Bros.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	The Boston Horse Shoe	* per doz \$25-00	
Hudson File Mfg. Co.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Brown Rolling Mill's Hand Made.	* per doz \$25-00	
Empire.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Ice Axes.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Eureka.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Lutes.		
No. 2, 1-inch Roll.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Brass.		
Defiance.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Enameded.		
K. F. M., 4 1/2-inch Roll.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Almond.		
" 6-inch Roll.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Ice Pick.		
Crown.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Domestic Fruiter.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Lutes.		
Genesee Hand Fluter.		\$.60 to \$600; 7 in., \$7-00, dis 25 %	Brass.		
Flinching Scissors.			Enameded.		
Forges.			Almond.		
Empire" (W. P. Kellogg & Co.).			Ice Pick.		
Keystone Portable Forge Co.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Forks.			Lutes.		
Hay, Manure & Spading.			Brass.		
Plated A 1.			Enameded.		
" Reed & Barton.			Almond.		
Fruit and Jelly Presses.			Ice Pick.		
Enterprise Mfg. Co.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Fry Pans.			Lutes.		
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Glue Pots.			Ice Pick.		
Tinned and Enameded.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Family, Howe's "Eureka".			Lutes.		
" L. F. C. & C.'s "Handy".			Brass.		
Grind Stone Fixtures.			Enameded.		
Sargent's Patent.			Almond.		
Reading Hardware Co.			Ice Pick.		
Hart Mfg. Co.'s.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Hart Bros.			Lutes.		
Hammers.			Brass.		
Emmett Diammer Co.'s Handled.			Enameded.		
" Sledge & Stone. W 2 40c.			Almond.		
Humason & Beckley Mfg. Co.			Ice Pick.		
Maypole's.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
New List, Jan. 1, 17, dis 15 %			Lutes.		
Henry Hammonds'.		new List Jan. 1, 1877, dis 15 %	Brass.		
Cheney's.		dis 5 @ 3/6c	Enameded.		
Verre.		dis 5 %	Almond.		
Magnetic Tack.			Ice Pick.		
Warner & Swasey.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Handle On's nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.			Lutes.		
Gauges.			Brass.		
Marking.			Enameded.		
Wires.			Almond.		
" Smith's Patent.		per doz \$18-00, dis 40 %	Ice Pick.		
Gimelias.			Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
Nail and Spike.			Lutes.		
" Bee" Gimelias.		per gross, \$12-00, dis 40 %	Brass.		
Double Cut, Shepardson's.		dis 20 %	Enameded.		
" Hartwell's.		dis 40 %	Almond.		
" Ives.		dis 25 %	Ice Pick.		
" Douglass'.		dis 25-10 %	Ice Axe.	Small, Cast or Malleable.	
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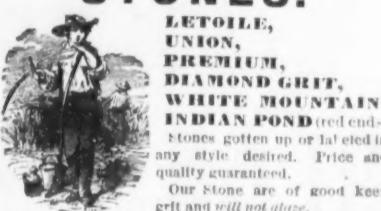
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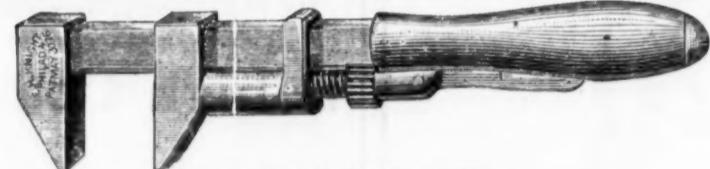
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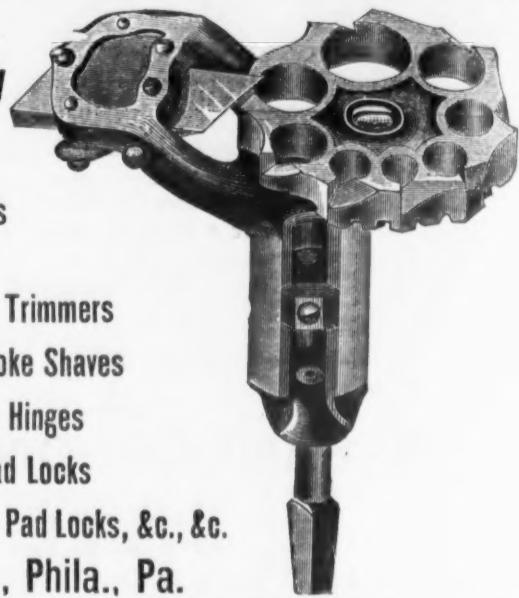
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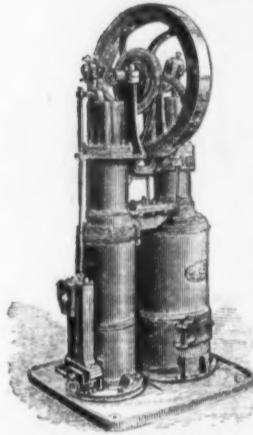
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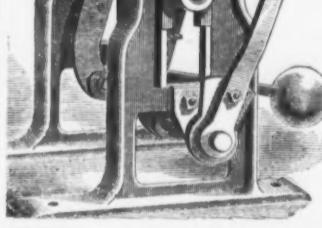
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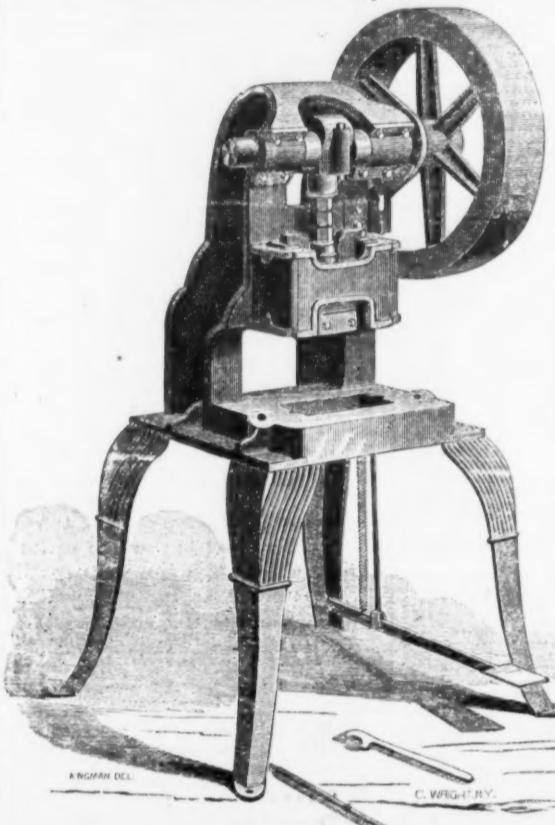
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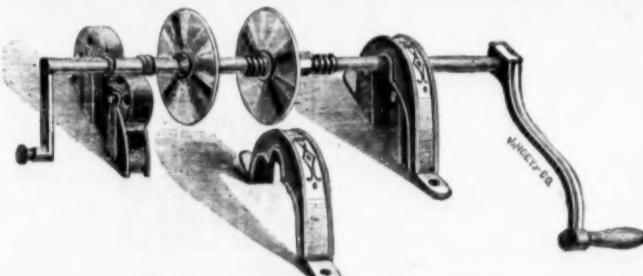
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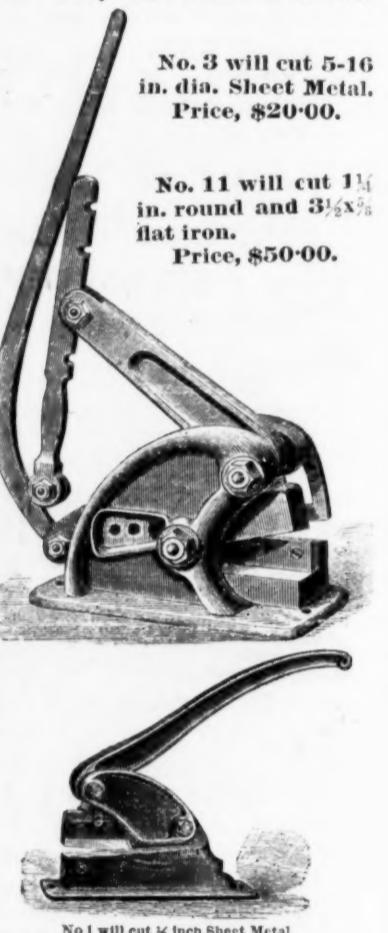
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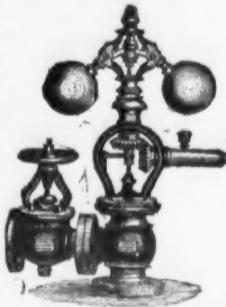
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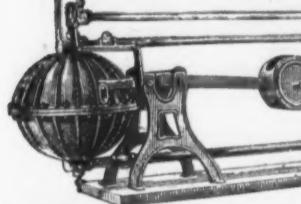


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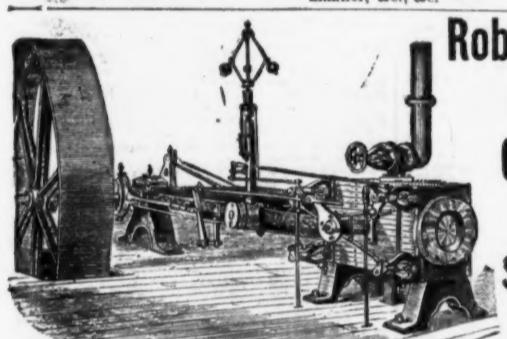
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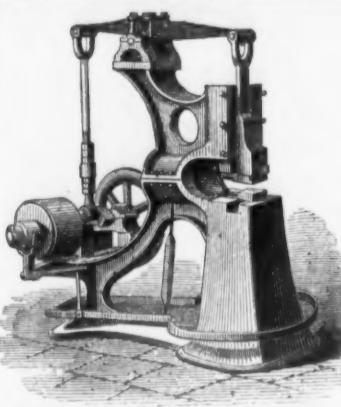
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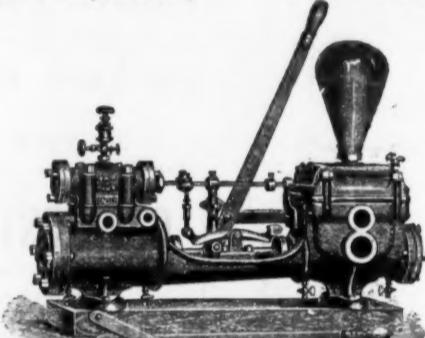
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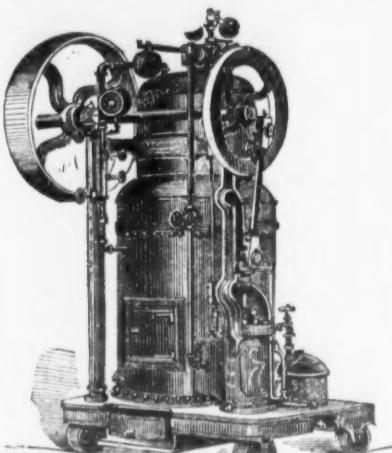
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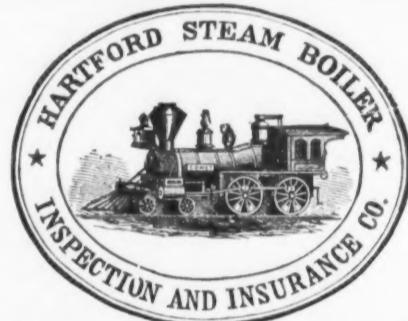
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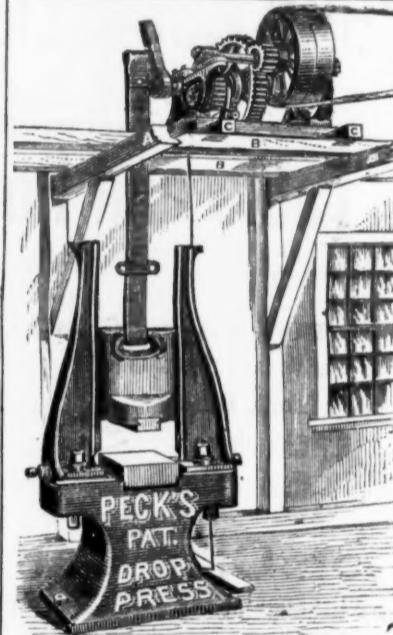
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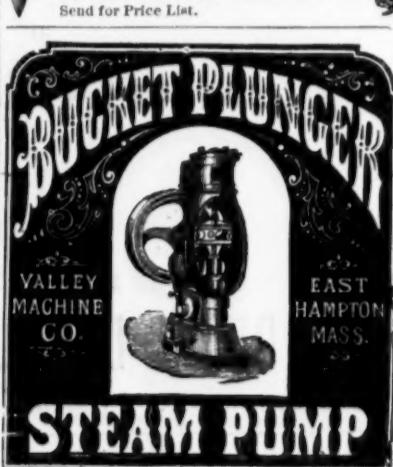
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